

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in their presence, so that we teach by example, but what I could do is say everything I want to say with a smile and use words so big and political that they won't understand the words that I am saying. They will say that sure is a nice old man down there. He just smiles, but everybody looks mad at what he is saying, I don't understand that. But that's the way we do, and I hope you will take to heart what I've said, even if it somewhat angers you, and draw you up short so we'll think about what it is that we are actually doing here today. My amendment would say that we will bracket the bill, if at all, only until two o'clock this afternoon.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the amendment to the bracket motion, Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We all bring different personality traits and characteristics to the Legislature when we come, and some maybe have recognized, others maybe haven't paid any attention, but I am one of those individuals that gets involved and is interested in process, and how things are handled, and the way we go about things. And that's why I have trust and confidence in what this...what this body will do, what the Appropriations Committee has done. Like many of you that serve on other committees, I love my committee work. I wanted to be on the Appropriations Committee. I like budgets. I am proud of the position that I hold. It is a privileged position. I recognize that. Other members of the committee also recognize that. I think the Appropriations Committee reflects this body. I think it reflects our constituents. I think it reflects this state. We've worked very hard. We are not apologizing for that. We don't want any sympathy or apathy for that. We've taken a lot of time. We are willing to work hard again. We are willing to work, spend more time. That is not an issue here. We're trying to understand the budget. Everybody recognizes this is the first time I've gone through it, as a number of other members on the committee, but I guarantee you we understand this budget a heck of a lot better than a lot of other members on this floor do. And that is no disrespect. Why should you? I don't understand a lot of things in the Urban Affairs Committee, or the General Affairs, or the Government, I don't even know the names of all the committees yet. But I know what we've done. Senator Jensen asked who better to take another look at this and