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caucus, then held down by the leadership, and I certainly don't think that this change that's being proposed has any relationship whatsoever to what's going on in Washington, D.C., and that's, to me, is what we're talking about here is different as night and day. The chairpeople that we elect, Senator Chambers is accurate. They're not necessarily special individuals, although many of them are, but they are special in the sense that we give them the authority and the trust and the confidence to lead the work that goes on during the course of a session and I think it's with that in mind that for that period of time that we elect them, for some it's lengthy, for others it's fleeting, we owe them that consideration and give them the support and the tools necessary to be able to administer our work as effectively as possible. So I'll conclude to just say I think we ought to be thankful for our form of government that we have in the state of Nebraska and I think we should be committed, as we are this morning, to continuing to improve the excellence that I think that it stands for. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I'm going to start first with a few comments, not on Senator Maurstad's amendment but on Senator Maurstad's comments. Senator Maurstad, whoever you thank, you ought to be thankful that you are a white male in America. You ought to be thankful you're in a legislative body dominated by white males and you ought to be thankful that I'm here instead of an anarchist throwing bombs and organizing people in the streets, as I very well could do. That's what you need to be thankful for. It's not a privilege for me to be here. It's a privilege for you all to have me here. You wouldn't even have expenses that you get if it wasn't for the work that I had done to override a Governor's veto and force the Attorney General to move on it. Other people sat back and said why do you have to do this, why do you have to push so hard, it's going to hurt the attitude of the public toward the Legislature. You ought to be glad that you have some office space. DAS was not going to let us have it and I offered a bill which Senator Beutler had offered before which would take the power to allocate office space and give it to the Legislature, and when I offered the bill Larry Bare came to me and said, Senator, can we work something out? I said, yeah, we can work