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something out; if we get the space we need for the senators I won't push the bill. And you all got some space. You used to have mismatched furniture. You had desks with pieces broken off of it. If you had constituents they could tear their clothing on it. Mismatched dinette chairs, folding chairs, wooden chairs, iron chairs, every kind of thing imaginable, all the hand-me-downs and leavings were given to you all. When it comes to defending this institution I probably have done more for it than any other senator, and I'm not just talking about going to these little clubs around the country and saying the Legislature's a great place. I'm talking about doing something concrete and of substance, even putting dollars in your pocket. And these white employees need to know that if I hadn't pushed like I had down through the years you wouldn't get the salaries you get. I have fought other members of the Legislature. The liberal vacations you get, the weekends, I did that and the record will demonstrate it. I know what I've done and I know what I believe, but despite all that Senator Maurstad is incorrect if he thinks that I'm thankful to be in this Legislature; if he thinks I ought to be thankful to work around the people so many hours of so many days with whom I have very little in common. No, I'm not thankful. Thankfulness from me requires much more than being in the Nebraska Legislature. Why, I never heard such a thing. My standards are much higher than that, much higher than that, and I have a whole lot of other things I'd be thankful for before I got down to being in this Legislature. But despite what Senator Maurstad said, I'm still in support of his little amendment, but let me ask him this question that I intended to ask. Senator Maurstad, by offering these amendments, this one relative to the chairpersons, is it your contention that the Speaker and the chairpersons in fact are elitist and a cut above the rest of us and therefore ought to make these decisions locking us out?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you and I accept what you say. I accept his answer. But that is the effect of this rules change. I'm a member of the Executive Board. As a member of the board, they...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.