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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Did I have my light on?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yea, you did have your light on, I'm sorry.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, then I want to talk. (Laughter)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Then go right ahead.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry, I thought you called on me to do that other stuff that I have to do that I'm still learning how, I'm still learning how to do, obviously. Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question? This will just take a minute since I've already... If we, if the bill weren't called the Sex Offender Registration Act, would you have a problem with leaving these, this terminology in the bill? Okay, so your, your initial reason that this should be out was because that it was titled the Sex Offender Registration Act, and these things didn't apply, I thought you said, to sex offender type things, and so it shouldn't be in here. Did I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, you misunderstood my reference to the title. I was discussing the thrust of the bill and saying even the title of the bill tells you what it's about, it's to relate to sexual conduct. And these things don't relate to sexual acts so they should not be a part of it.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. I would just stand in support of the, of the bill and hope that it advances to E & R. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will only speak this once. I am opposed to the bill in its present form. And these kinds of bills do make people feel good and somehow makes them think that they are safe. But if you have an individual who is going to do terrible things, I think you are living in a world of make-believe or pink elephants or, better yet, white elephants if you think this person is going to tell you where he or she lives so that you can watch them and know where they are. On the other hand, if the person is so responsible and trying to be such a good citizen that he or she will comply with a law like this and tell you, you deem me a leper, I am a leper, this is where I'm located, then that seems