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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it's not. Contrary to a Burger King commercial, it's not in the constitution that Burger King and McDonald's hamburgers are to be eaten. It's not right there in the constitution. So I think that not only is the Tyson amendment what we ought to be adopting, as we have, but the Beutler amendment, which gives clarification, although I don't think it's absolutely essential. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Your light is on next, if you'd like to continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and I know this is my last stroke at this bill at this stage of the debate. Senator Schimek, I will never refer to my legislative sisters as chickens. My legislative sisters have others in this body who are going to do far worse things than merely name call, but I'm not even going to engage in that. Senator Tyson, with whom I agree on this bill, gave no acknowledgement to my sisters. When he was talking about people going to hell, I thought surely he'd put them in that basket, but he said a man can go to hell in any way he chooses. He wouldn't even put the women on an equal footing when it comes to that. I thought, because of his hidebound attitude, he certainly would let them go there on an equal basis with men. But he did recognize women. When did he recognize women? When he wanted to show how foolish and stupid somebody is who's going to go out into a blizzard and smoke--not if you want to look like Frosty the Snowman; no, if you want to look like Lot's wife. Lot's wife, brothers and sisters, was not turned into ice. Lot's wife was turned into salt. And I don't even believe that story. That's one of those yarns I don't believe. It was written by some chauvinist man. But, nevertheless, we may as well keep it correct. This bill is simple and we should keep it simple. Smoking should be banned, as the bill now says, in all state buildings. It can stand as it is because a court knows how to define state building. That is a concept which is not foreign to ordinary people who think about it. When the law says the standard will be that of an ordinary, reasonable, prudent person, when it puts in the term "reasonable" and adds "prudent", you modify the term "ordinary". It means people who think and consider an issue and arrive at a conclusion, without necessarily being experts, using common sense, not nonsense, which what often masquerades as common