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choir that day, Senator Jones, because others were joining you, and some members of the committee were talking the same way. But I want to deal with some of those things, Senator Schellpeper was there, Senator Cudaback, to show how much interest and concern there is when they're talking about what pertains to them and their kind. I want to read another thing that Senator Robert Kerrey said when we were talking about these various problems.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was waiting for that to see if I'd have enough time to finish this. Senator Kerrey, in talking about these problems produced by packers, was saying, "we had tremendous dumping going on from Canada last year," talking about the steel, "and it's very much like Al Capone once said. He said, a smile will get a long ways in life, but a smile and a gun will get you further." No, what Capone had said was, you can get a lot done with a smile and a gun, more done with a smile and a gun than with a smile alone or a kind word. And then Kerrey went on, "And this is one where we need a round in the chamber. You know you're not going to alter their behavior by simply returning insult with smile." This is a white senator saying it. If I talked about a round in the chamber of a gun to deal with the police, you can imagine what the media would have said about that.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...Legislature, so that you understand what this amendment would do, it would strike Section 4 from the bill. Section 4 in the bill would repeal the law that makes a violation of the seat belt requirement a secondary offense. The law right now says that you must be cited, or ticketed, for a different offense before you can be ticketed for not wearing a seat belt. Section 4 of Senator Byars's bill would repeal that from the law. If you accept my amendment, the law, as far as it being a secondary offense, would remain in place. That is what the amendment does. That's what I'm asking that you adopt here this morning. But even if you don't adopt it this morning,