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inappropriate about the government, itself, trying to set the standard in terms of acknowledging the talents and abilities of all groups of people in society, rather than restricting presumptions of ability to the male gender and primarily white males?

SENATOR BROMM: No, I think that's a laudable goal to have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bromm. That's all I will ask of you. Members of the Legislature, things are not improving around here. But Wednesday I will have an opportunity to go into that in greater detail with a matter that will come before us directly. We are dealing with very serious matters here,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they are far more serious than who will go to lunch with whom, or who will smile at whom in the corridor, or who will talk amiably with whom on the floor of the Legislature. We are looking at decisions that are taken which have impact far beyond this legislative chamber and the members of the Legislature. I've got my light on. I won't try to complete it at this point.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. When these appointments are made, some of my colleagues may feel a little tension, a little stress knowing now that I intend to have something to say on these matters. But I think that tension, that stress is necessary. Until we can modify conduct, nothing in the way of improvement will take place. It is not enough for us to give intellectual assent to certain ideals and principles. That intellectual recognition of certain principles has to be translated into conduct that will alter patterns of behavior that have been exclusionary and discriminatory in a way that is violative of the spirit of the constitution and laws of this state and of this country. While America, as a nation, is busy lecturing and preaching to all kind of countries around the world about their violation of human rights, we can look right