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going to have to have somebody stand on the floor and say, will Senator Chambers carry through on what he said. I assure you that I will, and I will make them cry for mercy. And when that day comes, I will have no mercy. A bill such as this does need to pass. And we did all of our wrangling on Select File. So I have no intention of touching this bill...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or hindering its movement in any way. Because I have one minute, I'm going to put my light on one more time, because I do want to ask Senator Kristensen a couple of questions so that we can sharpen some of these issues.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm, I'd like to ask you a couple of questions, again along the lines of...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Senator Chambers' questions, just to give some focus to future explorations in terms of the Universal Service Fund. Explain to us again very briefly, if you could, exactly how the amount in the Universal Service Fund was determined. I mean, my understanding of that is that it had to do with calculations dealing with lost revenues relating to the access rates and calculations like that on a...kind of on a company level. But my knowledge may not go far enough. To the extent that you can tell us how that Universal Service Fund, how they came to a dollar amount, I would be interested in knowing.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, I'll give you my understanding, since some of that may predate my experience and knowledge. But my understanding is that, of course, when the federal legislation was adopted and accommodations were made for the Universal Service Fund and the contribution of federal dollars, that there were some projections and estimates made by the Public Service Commission, based on the expected contributions from the federal government, how much state contribution would