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I'm going to keep running time off the clock, and we're going to see if we can arrive at an accord. Now, if we cannot even come to an agreement on a provision of the bill that involves only two words, only two words and we cannot reach an accord on that, what's going to happen when we get to those provisions of this divided question that have a half a dozen words in it? And some of these proposed amendments will have four or five lines of words. If two words give such a fertile field for discussion, what's going to happen when we get to a half dozen lines of words? Think of all the combinations we can put them into. And somebody might be asking, if we reach a point where the committee amendments are not adopted, what happens? Nothing. That's what failure to adopt the committee amendments means--nothing happens. We have before us the green copy of the bill and some seem to think that is not a good bill. Senators Janssen and Schellpeper, and a few others who've added their names after the fact, have saddled up a horse that is defective. I believe that those who are pushing this bill, namely the National Rifle Association, could not care less about what is in this bill in terms of the things that Senator Schimek has expressed a concern about, things that I have a concern about, things that others on the floor have a concern about or an interest in. They just want to be able to say, so that when they're out there begging for money, that we have encouraged so many and so many states to pass a law allowing lunatics to hide guns in their clothes, and they will be happy and Nebraska will fall in line. I don't get it and I'm going to do all I can to stop that from happening. I would defy anybody to...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...describe a bill as lamebrain as this one. The March Hare has about 130 IQ points more than this bill has, and the March Hare was mad. But madness does not always equate to lack of intelligence. The \$400 may be as low as I'm willing to go on this fee, and if we don't adopt this then other measures may be necessary. (Laugh)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise again in support of the Chambers amendment and I