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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Oh, I'm sorry. All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. There are provisions of the statute that we have on other matters that will use the language in the constitution. We've even done this in drafting our rules that govern the Legislature. That's all I'll ask you now, because there won't be enough time for me to ask you a question and get an answer. But I want to read something in the vein of that "I told you so." This is from an article dated March 25th, 1999. This is what I want to quote. This is a direct quote from the article: Though LB 835 had overwhelming support on the first of three votes required for passage, Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha warned that it could still run into trouble. Quote, the closer you get to the viper's nest the louder becomes the hissing, Chambers said, and if you get too close you will be attacked. End of quote. There was an article in the Kearney newspaper where one of those people representing the packers said that the Legislature had spoken...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...very strongly and they were going to leave the bill alone. I know legislators, I know big-shot financial interests, and they ambush, they waylay, they lull people into a sense of false security. In this instance, I would say we don't need to do it the way Senator Brashear is doing it. If it is agreed by a majority of the body that something needs to be done to state the obvious, I would say incorporate language of the kind suggested by Senator Bromm right into the statute so that it says what we mean. But because we're dealing in a specialized area, I'm not aware that there would be confusion or a lack of understanding, based on the language here, but should there be that thought I would suggest that Senator Bromm draft an amendment along the lines...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of what he had discussed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brashear. Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an