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you all know the word and you probably use it on occasion. And if you don't use the word, you do what the word designates if you had any children. Now, I've been as delicate as I could, but I hope the message is through to you. This is a serious, terrible step that is to be taken, but you know why this Legislature will take it? It's only women;...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by and large, only poor women, those who have no place else to turn. So what difference does it make if they don't get this money? But the hypocrisy is blatant at the federal level and with those who support this because they pretend that their interest is in helping women collect this support money. But the federal government says if you don't do it our way, we're going to withdraw money that is designed to help these women obtain this support money. That is insane.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is on next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, we had people come before the Judiciary Committee who were part of that so-called task force who have worked with child support issues. I'm not going to rehearse everything that was said, but here's what I have to conclude. It will be pointless in me rehearsing it for the members on the floor, because the members of the Judiciary Committee heard every one of those witnesses. They saw all of the information. They're aware of the flawed work done by this so-called task force and they voted to put this bill on the floor, so obviously they think it's all right. So if those who had the direct access to the testimony and the testifiers, who had those complaints explained to them in detail by those officials making them and those members of the committee were unconvinced, why should I think I can convince you by giving you summaries, paraphrases, and not having the time to go through the entire presentation that they gave to the committee anyway? So maybe what Senator Brown ought to do is just not offer any amendments. Don't concede anything. Tell them, no, I'm not going for it. And