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Why did not your committee do some amending and polishing of this atrocious piece of legislation? That is my question to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, thank you. It's interesting that now it's an atrocious committee...or it's an atrocious piece of work by this committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Last I checked, you were the senior member. No, I'm...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Frankly, we were not able to achieve enough reconciliation of divergent opinions in order to offer anything different than what the green copy was, and there were some substantive efforts at achieving some sort of compromise and improvement that were made.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman, those substantive efforts were participated in by you, if my information is correct.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the committee simply was not able to arrive at any consensus between and among those who have interests in this bill. Is that correct, more or less?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: More or less. More or less, every good idea, or what we thought might be a good idea, was met with a federal threat.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Brashear, do you think that justified senators who were not in favor of this bill nevertheless voting to put it on the floor in its present