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Schimek waives. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I know Senator Schimek was going to give me some time, and I appreciate that. I knew my light was coming. Senator Chambers, I'll...just to move along the process, I don't know what else on this case you'd like me to lay out there, but that's roughly what I think is there. In my judgment I'm just afraid I'm going to pay a whole lot more if it goes to trial. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have to sing a song in honor of you "all's" Attorney General. (Singing) la-de-de-da-da, dum, dum. The Speaker would not do that, but we could have done a duet. I know the Attorney General is a dumbbell! I know he is incompetent, and that's precisely why I want him to go to trial. I'm for the family. I know that there will be a bigger amount lost than this, and the Attorney General knows it too. He postures, he prunes, he struts, he tricks freshmen senators into bringing all kind of crazy legislation; he can lock up the Governor over there and make him think somehow this Attorney General is going to take the Governor to deeper depths and higher heights, like the Attorney General. And when a family has suffered in the way that this family has suffered, I think they ought to get every nickel, every penny that they have coming to them. And that is not what this settlement offers. I want the Attorney General to go into court on this case, like he went before Judge Kopf and him and his minions show the same contempt in this court as they showed in the federal court. And I told you all on that issue, with the nuclear waste, that I felt Judge Kopf was going to enter that temporary restraining order, and he did it. People are sick of your Attorney General, but you all are not. You all accept this trash that he sends over here. You accept the way he is demeaning the reputation of this state by the way he goes into court. And then when he comes in here and acknowledges his incompetency you all just ho-hum and accept it and don't even want to raise a question. He told his man that he sent into the committee, the Business Committee, you don't have to tell those sap suckers anything, just go over there and tell them, this is the way it is, this is