

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

May 3, 1999

LB 382

33 votes, if you can. And you know what you'll have to advance? You'll have to advance this bad piece of legislation here without a change. That's what you've got to do. A majority vote, a majority vote of what? I think I've shown you a thing or two by behaving in the way that an elementary school lecturer would deal with elementary school children. And whether anybody listens or not, the record is going to be crystal clear. We are talking about giving this money over to political subdivisions in as careless and slipshod a fashion as is contained in this legislation that is proposed in the committee...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...amendments. Here is what happens when deals are struck in a Legislature. I have to say that...(some one sneezes). Gesundheit. I have to say this in Senator Landis' behalf, you know, for some reason I'm partial to the kid, even though he shaved his beard and mustache. But Senator Landis would draft different language from what's in this bill, were he free to do so. But when you're trying to facilitate and mediate and negotiate, you're the ping-pong ball. In other words, to have another analogy, if you have a fight between a mastiff and a pit bull, over a bone, Senator Landis was the bone.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, you're recognized on your motion to reconsider FA138.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, that original amendment was going to strike the word "can", strike the word "will", and insert the word "may". The Legislature decided that, although that's the way we draft legislation, it will not be done that way in this bill. Now, when I go to page 2, starting in line...well, actually the word "may" is found on page 2, but I would start with line 23 on page 1, and read through line 5, on page 2. And this is the paragraph, "It is therefore in the interest of both the state and its political subdivisions for the state to assist political subdivisions in the financing of the construction of convention and meeting center facilities which may be used to hold regional, national or international events". Why didn't they