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written on. If this is what we come to, some tree has died in vain to produce all of the paper on which the bill was written and copied, the paper for the committee amendment, and any other paper. It's worthless. It means nothing. So who is going to be made to feel good if we do a futile, meaningless act? Maybe Senator Hartnett can help me since it's his bill, so I will ask him a question or two if he will engage me in discussion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hartnett, would you yield?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hartnett, what is this bill worth at this point?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Monetarily, or what? (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, you know what I'm talking about. What is the value of this bill now?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think we need to look at this issue, and that's what I would like to do, Senator Chambers, is move it from General File to Select File so...and have a study this summer on this issue of inheritance tax, on the low...small estates, is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hartnett, what in the bill...where in the bill is there money provided to conduct a meaningful study, and a requirement that a report be made to the Legislature by a certain date? Is that in the bill?

SENATOR HARTNETT: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what kind of study is there going to be?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think that we have staff, Senator Chambers, among the different offices, that we can collect the information from the clerks of county courts and district courts to get the information of the impact of this on the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The counties.