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you give that money out as a credit, it's still a check that we write. What's the difference between sending a check to a nursing home that pays for someone's care, or a check that gets sent to a school, or money that gets put into a property tax statement as a credit? They're all expenditures. But somehow that doesn't matter, because spending is different. If it goes for things we like, it really isn't spending; those are necessities. If it goes for things that we don't care for, it's wasteful spending. And that's where I guess I have trouble with the whole editorial, and about what the misconceptions are that it brings back. It's sort of the...an editorial that I'd expect those supporters of LB 413 to write, but probably don't take the time to do now, because there's other things out there to do. But it's a big mistake. I just wanted to stop this morning and tell you that I think you ought to go back, and when you talk to your constituents, take a look at this budget and what a good budget you have that you're going to vote on this morning. There's lots of other things we could spend money on, but we've chosen not to do that. And so I'm going to, at this point...I'm going to pull my motion at this point. I just wanted to remark about the editorial. And perhaps the saving grace is, there's so few people that read them, and probably even fewer people that follow them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Did you indicate you wanted to withdraw the...the motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 880.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 880E.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I thought Senator Kristensen was going to leave his motion up there for a short time. He said he didn't want an extended debate, and I don't intend to extend it. I think all the words that the Speaker uttered this morning are appropriate. It's good that the Speaker will take issue with an editorial as terribly off-the-mark as the one he discussed. But there are other problems with the reportage of what happens in the Legislature. It frustrated him to read that editorial.