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SENATOR BROMM: ...public this summer and before we come back in January, and I also appreciate Senator Kristensen being willing to leave this sit till January for that purpose. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. (Visitors introduced.) On the Jones amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, although I feel I'm grossly underpaid as far as remuneration, Senator Coordsen has been too kind to me. He presumes that I have a heart. If I do, Senator Coordsen, flint would be considerably softer than that which occupies the place in my chest where most people have that organ known as a heart. This that we do in the Legislature is work. I probably, on the floor, have been as critical as anybody of the way we do some things, but I also have been forthright in acknowledging the things that are worthwhile we do on those occasions when we do them. There are many things that occur within a group that are called "in-house". We spend a lot of time in a very small, confined area. We deal with more controversial issues than any other body. We deal with matters related, literally, to life, death, people's rights, their property, their children, relationships, anything you can think of, healthcare, whether somebody who has a mental illness is going to be placed in a position to receive the kind of attention and care necessary. So when there are this many differing issues, there are different constituencies pushing those issues and you all get pulled in every direction, sometimes in a single day. It takes more than a notion to leave here with enough wit about yourself to go out the door rather than out the window or try to walk through the wall. You all are the teachers of and for society. You are the exemplars. This is the place where the best parts of human nature can be shown, can be demonstrated, can be exemplified in the work that we do, and you're entitled to a decent salary. The Bible said the workman is worthy of his or her hire. I added the "or her". It also said muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn. In other words, the one doing the work should be allowed to participate in that which the work produces. You all do work very hard. On the whole, the work that you do is creditable. Nothing on this planet is perfect. This world is never going to be what we want it to be. It will