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SENATOR BEUTLER: How...thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've been on the Judiciary Committee ever since I've been in this Legislature and I'm probably the hardest worker. I'm not going to have any false modesty this morning. I've been at that committee hearing when others have had to go to other committees. I've been there when others simply had...their body was there but they had taken leave in other ways. And I work on that committee and my record will demonstrate that I work, and there are bad bills that I can't stop the committee from sending out here and I have to fight them on the floor again. I'm not in favor of changing the structure of the Legislature because a committee will not do its business, and let me tell you how the problem of the Judiciary Committee arises. You all play a part in it, but there are three words that dictate the kind of trash legislation that's most likely to come before the Legislature, those three words--punish, punish, punish. People will bring us all kind of cockamamie, crazy, idiotic bills to punish people because that is the politician's hot-button issue, and we will have people tell us, and if I'm lying somebody on the committee stand up and call me to task in the same way that I frankly speak like this, kill this bill but don't kill it just yet, let it hang around awhile, the introducer. And we, as a committee, complaining and whining that we got too many bills, look how many are on the list that we've got to do. If we killed them it would shrink the number of bills we have hanging around all the time and our colleagues would catch on quickly that when they bring that trash legislation to us we're going to kill it in the way it should be killed. That man who had so much to do with bringing together a Unicameral pointed out that one of the primary functions of a committee is to winnow legislation and use the term "kill", kill bills. And I'm not saying we don't give them a hearing, but many of these bills in the Judiciary Committee we have heard year after year, after year with no change. The Attorney General even brings the same ones year after year, after year, and he gets other senators to do it. Then the Governor will have some senator bring the same bill year after year, and we kill it year after year, but not by a