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you say, well this is just agriculture. It has other subject matter connected with it, and so it gets referenced somewhere else. And that's, in some ways, unfortunate. I would like to see members of the Agriculture Committee involved more in this bill decision on ethanol, or other bills along that line. So, I don't look at it as a diminishment at all of the agricultural interests of this body. I think it is...it is a possible solution for some of the workload problems. I think we can make the best of it if it happens. I think agriculture does not have to suffer by reason of this, and I think we can get the expertise of those people that are crucial onto this committee...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and it will serve the people of Nebraska even better. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the Rules Committee amendment to the motion to adopt permanent rules.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, sometimes symbolism is more important than reality. In a state like Nebraska, agriculture, the rural way of life are disparaged. The western part of the state, and by that I mean anything west of Lincoln, is disparaged and often treated in a dismissive manner. For those who are not involved in that, and I haven't heard members of the Ag Committee saying that the committee is insignificant and it ought to be just subsumed by the Natural Resources Committee, to destroy that committee, and that's what in effect is being done, is really an unacceptable activity by this Legislature as far as I am concerned. I would like to ask Senator Dierks a question or two, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dierks, during my tenure on the Ag