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and Natural Resources monstrosity? Why won't they tell me that? Then, Senator Redfield, we can get down to the real nub that people seem to think is the driving force behind this, and that's the number of bills that the Judiciary Committee receives. If that's it, why don't we deal with it and not all of these other things? But because of the spirited defense of all these other things, maybe that talk about the Judiciary Committee is the red herring to make it seem that there is a basis for all this, but in reality all this we're talking about now is the real factor. But you have my amendment before you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't remember who it was, Senator Redfield, so at some point you can tell me. I got a sneaking suspicion of who it was, but somebody said, we have not yet begun to fight. Now I do know that a chubby, bulldog-faced individual, named Churchill, said, this is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end, but this is the end of the beginning. This amendment that I'm offering, brothers and sisters, and the discussion that I've regaled you with so far is not even the end of the beginning, may not even be a good beginning of the beginning. But we're going to be here for a little while longer plowing this ground. And those on the Rules Committee will have the opportunity to see what they have wrought. I already pointed out one area of the rules that was not dealt with while they were changing the names of committees. So those sometimes who look at things with a critical eye will see more than those who are just trying to do whatever it is the Rules Committee was trying to do. And to be frank, I'm not sure what that is now because some of them keep coming back to the workload of the Judiciary Committee. But that's not what combining these two committees is about, it's about denigrating the Agriculture Committee. That committee is going to stay in existence as long as I'm in the Legislature, if I can assure that of being the case, and I'm going to try to persuade my colleagues that that ought to be the case.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before us is the Chambers amendment to the Rules Committee