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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would all members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. House is under call. Members, please record your presence. The house is under call.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time do I have, Mr. President, in my close?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Three and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to start closing. Members, I'm having something passed around for you to look at. They are provisions from the Nebraska statutes, and if you think I've falsified them you can check them back there, Section 84-120, which deals with the Governor, succession to office, Section 84-121, Section 84-122, and in statute we find the names of the Natural Resources Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Transportation Committee. So I wonder if the Rules Committee feels that they can abrogate a statute by changing the rules. They'll abolish the Ag Committee, although it's recognized in statute. And maybe you-all don't think that's significant or of any consequence, but what it is doing is not only mentioning the order of succession, should something happen to the Governor and those who follow, but it points out that the person who is to follow will resign from the Legislature, at which time he or she will immediately become Governor. So are you going to tell me that the statute designates these committees by name and this statute was enacted by the Legislature, that by a rules change you will abrogate the statute? If there is no Agriculture Committee, then the statute is for naught. So which prevails, the statute or an amendment to the rules? That's the question that you-all can ponder this evening as you try to figure way...figure your way out of this quandary. But I'm not going to let go of the tail of this cat for a long, long time, so when you-all come back tomorrow then if you-all want to talk to me about something I'm willing to listen, and if the rest of you want to...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.