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Tyson's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This part of the divided amendment is not agreed to. The call is raised. We will now move to the last part of the divided Tyson amendment. (FA265, Legislative Journal page 277.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson, I guess, is not going to defend this amendment, but he will get the last word when he closes. It seems to me, from the votes that have been taken, that a majority of the body appreciate what this bill really does. They are aware of what it does not do. I will say again that the groups who have supported this bill certainly have those among their number who can read and understand English. I'm sure that before they would send out on their letterhead the strong endorsements for this bill, which they have done, a review was undertaken and they satisfied themselves that nothing in this bill violates the standards, the philosophy, the principles, the values which govern them. It really shouldn't be necessary to fight so hard for a bill such as this, but because the bill has so much merit and it is so needed, however vigorous a battle has to be waged to see that it is enacted into law, there should be people, and there are, willing to prosecute that battle. If Senator Tyson chooses not to say anything in defense of his divisive amend...I mean his divided amendment, then it could be an indication that he can read the writing on the wall. Speaking of writing on the wall, I wish my young friend Senator Hilgert from Omaha were here because he, for some reason, has an attitude toward graffiti, but graffiti is biblical and the first graffitist was God, and it's documented in the Old Testament, because a hand appeared and wrote on the wall of King Nebuchadnezzar: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting. Your kingdom shall be taken from you and given to another. That was the first graffiti that we have written and it's in the Bible, and you guys are going to show...you're going to criticize me for not being religious. Then you have a youngster here who's going to bring in an anti-Biblical, anti-God amendment or bill. Why, graffiti has been with us longer than many other things. But back to my point, which is to speak against Senator Tyson's amendment. The bill is not cluttered. It is straightforward. There are no ambiguities in