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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. It shows how alert I am--hair trigger, jump the gun. When I heard my name spoken, I jumped to my place and was ready to go. Let's say that Senator Hilgert has an amendment to division two and Senator Bourne, I think he may have some amendments or one amendment to the committee amendment. Let's say that they present their amendment, they argue it. I cannot offer an amendment to their amendment, but I can offer an amendment to the provision to the division of the question that they added their amendment to. So, even though they will get a vote on whether or not it will be added to the committee amendment, there will not be an ultimate vote taken on it. Now that I have stated, in general, how the discussion is going to go, I must mention that to save myself the trouble of writing a lot of amendments, some of the time I will spend discussing Senator Hilgert's and Senator Bourne's amendment perhaps. But I will also make reconsideration motions because I think it is appropriate when something serious is before us, or something is not serious but the one offering it is serious, it's good to chew the cud at least twice, and that's what reconsideration allows. So I will be prepared to take the time and, after getting all of these preliminaries out of the way and I begin to discuss other matters, I may not necessarily hark back to the specifics of an amendment that is offered. But from time to time I will try to remember that so if people, who are not familiar with the internal operation of the Legislature, will be able to follow what is happening. And regarding the interior or internal operations of the Legislature, I'm going to say this to reporters, editorial writers, and others who observe. There are dynamics that are going on under the surface, things that are never spoken on the floor. There are people and players and hands tugging chains outside of the Legislature and they will never be identified unless I'm aware of who they are and it suits my purpose to identify them. So things that take place on the legislative floor that are subject to reportage are not necessarily what they, on the surface, may appear to be. And that is why when people on the outside get outraged and say, well, why don't they all just get together and just do this, well, it takes more than a notion to just do it. By the way, I