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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And so my colleagues won't feel sorry for me as I take these thumpings, I already have a stack of reconsideration motions, and I also have some substantive amendments, none of which I expect to be adopted. But I'm going to make sure that this bill does not come ultimately to a vote. I'm going to make us go at least eight hours. Now here is where Senator Hilgert can show that he's got some fire in his belly and some steel in his spine. He does not have to move for cloture after eight hours, and nobody else can make the motion. So if Senator Hilgert and I decide that we're just going to have a war of wills, which I know I'm going to win, that might, what I just said, might make Senator Hilgert say, oh, no, you're not, buddy or brother, because I call you all brothers and sisters, I don't call you all buddy and things like that. So Senator Hilgert would say in his mind, oh, no, brother, my will is as strong and determined as yours, and I'm not going to make a cloture motion. And when time comes for sine die, Senator Hilgert will be gasping, leaning on his desk or sitting in his chair with the mike lowered, or being supported one on each side by two of his colleagues so that he can make it. And here the old man that Senator...I see him walking over to his desk, I want him to know that I'm...yes, you, Senator Byars, the old man that Senator Byars describes as his grey-haired, elderly colleague will be in stronger voice, will be continuing to go and will vote against the sine die motion because he will be enjoying it so much he wants to continue, and also, to be quite honest, he wants to show off a little bit and show that at his advanced age he can squelch a cub. Give an example to older people that age is just a number, it means what you let it mean. Because you're over 50, which I'm far beyond, you don't have to adopt that attitude that you hunch your shoulders, let your chest...your chin drop on your chest and you drool in your food and you just let your mind go where you don't remember things that you could remember if you set your mind to it, and you just give up. That's not necessary. So now you know that when you're 50 you're not old, because I've shown you. Well, I'm going to add another decade. When you're 60 those things don't have to happen. You can run circles around these young pups in the Legislature, and compared