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kinds of measures come before us it is a mistake. I hope that committees will begin to look at bills that they are not convinced are good and not send them out here hoping that they will not come up for discussion or a vote. You all ought to look at this political cartoon which is being placed on your desk. I didn't send it around, but I saw it. I wish I had drawn it (laugh), but, at any rate, this raises a question that I may discuss briefly during the discussion of this landlord bill, because there are other matters that I do intend to discuss. But before you at this point is the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. For discussion on the bracket motion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I had drafted amendments to a later portion of the bill, but I do have some for this one that we're in. The portion of the bill that...or the committee amendments which is being discussed, the portion which is being discussed is that material found on page 3, lines 5 and 4, where you're to strike "1,000" and insert "500". Well, that gives me about 500 amendments, if I want them, but I'm not going to do that. That would be overkill. I had talked about some situations in Ireland and I must tell you that it is a gloomy day today. There is word that the Ulster Unionists are going to withdraw from the government, the combined government that was established, because they say the Irish Republican Army is not laying down its weapons as the Unionists thought they should. The IRA is deemed to the armed wing of Sinn Fein, the political party, and Jerry (phonetic) Adams (phonetic) is saying that the Unionists are trying to set up a unilateral deadline; that his group has made moves toward peace and the carrying out of agreements, and more time should be given to let this government work. Well, there's a guy, his name is either Major in London or that's his title, so, in order not to be incorrect, I will refer to him as "Major Major". "Major Major" has said that if this government falls apart that is to rule Northern Ireland, then London is going to reimpose direct government from London. If that should happen, then the killing, in the form of shootings, bombings, burnings, may recur, and it seems to me that politicians who are on the campaign trail in this country talking about peace and prosperity have a very narrow view because there is not peace in other parts of the world. There