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The bill wanted to raise that amount to \$1,000. Then this is the following paragraph. Quote: this is directed at the scenario where somebody doesn't pay their rent and they abandon garbage, like old clothes and mattresses, Hilgert said. And the rest you can read for yourself. My comment was the following: colleagues, ...and by the way my seatmate, a member of the culture culture corner, pointed out a typographical error. I do all of my typing, such as it is. I never let blame fall on anybody in my office. In the word "exploitive" there is a transposition of letters, but I'm not going to say where it occurred. Colleagues, it appears that the disingenuous, gouging, exploitive landlords have tricked Senator Hilgert. If he has accurately stated the rationale, why does the bill seek to increase the amount to \$1,000? Now, members of the Legislature, I live in north Omaha. I'm not aware of any garbage worth \$1,000. I'm not aware of any old mattress...I wouldn't give \$1,000 for a new mattress. I imagine you could buy quite a few items, not only at the Goodwill and the Salvation Army but at some stores, for \$1,000. So if what is being left in these apartments in the form of mattresses and old clothes would be worth, in resale value, \$1,000, they have a different definition of these items than I do. But it gives me an opportunity to once again talk about the real purpose of this bill. It is to gouge tenants. They, the landlords, that is, are greedy and gouging and they think the Legislature is composed of suckers. I disagree with that last part. Then why am I doing what I'm doing? Why don't I just let the senators vote? Because the landlords and those who are carrying this bill, not the senators but those with the power in the lobby, need to be shown that they might run everybody else but they don't run me. What they are starting to do, the landlords, is to count on that security deposit as their money. No matter what condition an apartment is left in, they consume that entire security deposit.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you know any students, they could tell you the experiences that they have. If you live in a community like mine, where a lot of poor people reside, where a lot of slumlords have property, you will see how this scheme, this scam, operates. Am I saying by my comments that every person