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Committee who advanced this bill, if the bankers with all of their lawyers and sophistication have 30 days from a certain event during which to get their lawyers together and go to court and they cannot do it, why are you going to expect these tenants in three days, who are not lawyers, who don't have lawyers, who are about to lose the roof over their head, to do what the bankers and their lawyers cannot do in 30 or more days? And I didn't get a response or a justification for the discrepancy. But when the big shots come, when their heavy footfall is heard and the floorboards creak because somebody big and important is on the scene, then people sit up and they take notice if they're politicians, and you can't just treat these people any old kind of way because they are the important people. But when it comes to those who have no voice, who cannot help themselves and cannot speak up, what do Legislatures all over the country do, all over the world do? Where did the bad reputation of landlords originate to the greatest extent? In Ireland. And people don't like me talking about that, but I'm going to talk about it some more. When those people come, we learn what the purpose of hawking and spitting is. They ought to be spat upon, and they are spat upon. The Old Testament talked about the poor being sold for a pair of shoes, and I'm sure there are preachers who have preached that sermon and tried to tweak the consciences of people who had far more than they needed or could ever use and would tell them, can't you spare something for your disadvantaged brother or sister...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or their children? I hear so much when prayers are rendered in this Chamber, when they're given on television, when people talk at various gatherings about compassion and concern for others, but the space between what they say and what they do is wide enough for a cat with a very long tail to do a whole lot of wagging of that tail without touching either one side or the other.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, on the motion to bracket LB 175.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, what would be the effect of a bracket motion like this? The effect