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you cut me, I will bleed. (Laugh) If you tickle me, I will laugh. If I get exhausted, I will collapse. But I was able to summon up strength and push on, and the thing that helped me do it was to think about this rhyme that Kipling wrote where he said, "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew/ To serve your turn long after they are gone,/ And so hold on when there is nothing in you/ Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'" That's what I kept thinking, Senator Hilgert--hold on, hold on. So I held on and, as a result, I'm back here today. Will we do this more times during the session? If this bill is advanced to Select File and it comes up we'll do it more times. If Senator Hilgert does not make his cloture motion we'll do it some more. And I am of a mind to believe that if he makes that motion he'll prevail. But maybe he won't, because sometimes things don't go the way we believe that they will. I would put a question to Senator Hilgert, except that his answer, whatever it is, would not really resolve the issue, because there are others who have control of this bill and determine what is to be done. So, after the various bracket motions that I offer will be voted down, and I hope they will so that I can demonstrate how long I'm able to go on discussing an issue such as this, I will deal with that amount of money, and I'm going to ask Senator Hilgert some questions about that and he can just tell me he's not going to answer them if he wants to, but he has said things in the media which I think oblige him to answer. But does he have to answer? Certainly not. Ought he to answer? When you use the term "ought", you're talking about...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...moral suasion, and each person has to make a determination about that for himself or herself. So I think Senator Hilgert would probably rather that I continue debating my bracket motions rather than come back and ask him some questions about his comments in the paper which do not hang together in view of what the original form of the bill was trying to do.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend his bracket motion. (FA282, Legislative Journal page 510.)