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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...security deposits are returned and which ones are not, and find out why. And they should be willing to work with the Real Estate Commission to correct this situation and have licenses revoked or suspended when these landlords are taking open, notorious and unconscionable advantage of tenants. But the university has its own fish to fry. The churches are too busy preaching about heaven, the lawyers don't have time or the inclination, so the tenants are left out there. We have these kind of bills brought to make a bad situation even worse. So, even though it's difficult, even though it's draining, I shall continue to wage this battle. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question is on the motion to reconsider the motion to bracket LB 175. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on the motion to reconsider. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 1 aye, 8 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion to reconsider is not agreed to. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend this part of the divided committee amendments. (FA283, Legislative Journal page 511.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to amend FA275 with LB 175.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what this amendment would do is say that on page 3, in lines 5 and 14, we would strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter. And what that will result in doing is leaving the law where it is in terms of landlords filching or stealing the property of tenants. For I don't know how long a period of time, they have been allowed, these landlords, to say that they think property is worth less than \$250. And if that is the case, the landlord can keep this property, the landlord can sell it, the landlord can destroy it. The landlord could take a valise and open it and say that he or she looked in it and there was nothing of value, so the landlord destroyed it. The tenant