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nobody need get heartburn. I explained to Senator Bohlke why I offered this priority motion. I started to do it on a point of personal privilege, then I changed. I want to nip something in the bud. It's not for the Lieutenant Governor to tell a member that he or she is straying or try to dictate the course of debate on this floor. Others may not be offended by it; I am. He belongs to the executive branch and if comments are made about a bill which he doesn't like or he thinks the Governor doesn't like, it's for his...it's not for him to tell us how to conduct our debate. It's not for him to tell me that if I need to weave a long story to make my point that he's going to tell me, like I'm his child, you're straying, don't say that. I'm not going to consent to it; others may. But it falls to me on so many occasions to do that hard work, that dirty work which is institutional in nature with reference to how the Legislature is to be regarded and treated. Now I'm not speaking on that motion to bracket, am I? I'm straying about as far as one can stray. But I think, as a body, we need to start assuming some responsibility in terms of how this body is going to be treated. The Attorney Gen...excuse me, Secretary of State is an interloper when he attempts to tell any member that I don't like the way you're pursuing this question, suggesting that were I the one speaking I wouldn't use the methodology or the tactic you're using. So I'm not going to prolong the issue, it's not necessary, but I'm serving notice that nobody is going to tell me, I don't like what you're saying, sit down and shut up. I'm not going to take it from anybody--the Lieutenant Governor or the Speaker, which he hasn't done, or anybody who's serving as the President or presiding officer, which has not been done. And I want it to be clear that I am very offended and upset, and if the Governor tries any kind of way to inject himself into what happens over here, he's going to find out that he has strayed into my territory. And if the Lieutenant Governor has friends on this floor who are offended by what I say, let them take issue with me. And, with that, Mr. Clerk, I'm withdrawing that motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Motion is withdrawn. For discussion on the committee amendments to LB 1436, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do want to commend Senator Bohlke for bringing this bill to us. I, too,