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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Chambers, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, there are two issues that I want to deal with, but the first one is that a little rhyme occurred to me when Senator Smith stood and said that this amendment is a bill that had come out of committee. This is to my colleagues. They said to him, please hear our plea, let us sing "Oh, Christmas Tree". You've done me badly. I say gladly, this year there'll be no Christmas tree. Now, I got an innocuous little bill that the vast majority of my colleagues supported. The Governor made some noises and frightened people off that bill. I'm not going to let him get away with it. He cannot do anything to me without getting a comeback from me. But his nefarious schemes cannot be carried out in this body other than by members of the Legislature. So I'm going to do the public and good law making a service. There shall be no Christmas trees this session. If you all have bills that you think are important, I have a bill that I think is important, and you tell me no, no, no. And I take my whipping and I get up, and then I tell you no, no, no. But here's what happens when we get down to playing political hardball. Ernie, it's unfair for you to say no, no, no, but I've got to be allowed to say no, no, no. Then I say, oh, no, no, no, that's how...that's not how it's going to go, go, go. We're going to have a quid pro quo. If you can give it, be ready to take it. My good friend Senator Dickey supported the bill and the Governor told him, get off the bill, and he got off. We're grown people. We know politics. Others will say things off the floor, but I say it on the floor to give notice of what I intend to do. What I'm doing is not going to hurt Senator Lynch's bill. His bill is safe. What I'm doing will not hurt anybody's bill. The underlying bill is safe if I'm not opposed to it. It's just that I'm not going to allow baubles, bangles and beads to be added to these bills. Will that befall me? It has befallen me already, Senator Smith. Why, I was on the floor with a little innocuous felony murder bill and you-all made it controversial and you killed it. You killed it. You killed it dead, deader than a doornail, Senator Smith, and I didn't see a wet eye in the place. There was elation throughout the land, Senator Redfield, and that was supposed to make Senator Chambers sore