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make as much money as they can for those who invest in that company. Therefore, if they can find an area of this state or an area of the country where they can give shoddy service and continue to charge the rates they charge, that's what they'll do. That's why there are so many complaints against the company. It's willing to wait people out and wear people out. If you have a regulatory agency or a Legislature which lacks will, you just continue to pressure them until you beat them down, wear them out and have your way with them...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and, in the process, the interests of the citizens that we supposedly represent are given short shrift. We don't owe anything to these companies other than to have fair, just and equitable laws that would apply across the board to all of those that we licensed engaged in this activity. Our primary responsibility though runs to the citizens of the state. States supposedly are created, or societies, to do in concert what cannot be done through individual effort. So we are the representatives of the people. We are the ones to stand between Goliath and the totally helpless citizen. David did have some stones. The citizens we will be helping have nothing except...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...us.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Tyson, on the first part of the divided committee amendment to LB 1285.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. My time to Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Tyson.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm not going to try to talk this bill to death. That's not my intent. I haven't offered a single amendment and