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

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to address this to Senator Pederson. He asked a question about AARP. My office has received a call from them and they clarified the fact that they do not either support or oppose this legislation. The people that I had talked to earlier from the organization said they were very favorable for it but they do not...they're telling me now that they don't represent the committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Aguilar a question. When was that information given to you, Senator,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that you just shared with us?

SENATOR AGUILAR: About two minutes ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I wonder, is Senator Don Pederson on the floor? Oh, that's...that's...I wasn't going to ask him a question but the answer was that AARP neither supports nor endorses this bill but that prior to this some people associated with that organization said they favored it. However, they were just speaking for a committee, is that what you said, Senator Aguilar? They were speaking for themselves. Okay, they were speaking for themselves, said Senator Aguilar. It could be that they have watched the discussion and decided, hey, wait a minute, the idea is all right but the way it's drafted is not what we approve of. That could be what they're doing. They're bailing out not necessarily on the idea. I will say, again, I'm in favor of the state helping those people who cannot help themselves. I believe that a state has a moral, and I use that term for my colleagues to whom that word has some meaning, have a moral obligation to fix a floor below which no member of