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is. I saw some comments in the newspaper, over the weekend, that looked as though he's still fighting last year's battles.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So he might be, if that's his attitude, he might be against this bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: He might be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Good God from glory! Oops. (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Wickersham. He must have been listening to some of the things that I have said. But in reality, even the devil speaks truth on occasion. I cannot get off this bill simply because he may be...I mean, support this bill simply because he may be opposed to it. But he's opposed to it, not for the weighty reasons that I'm opposed to it, he has not thought it through. Somebody told him he ought to be opposed to this bill. They probably told him that they listened to Senator Chambers' cogent arguments and accepts them, therefore the Governor ought to accept those arguments and be against the bill, too. The reason I say that, he's got an administration that's in chaos, that is in disarray. Do you all realize, brothers and sisters, he's got people out there in the Rotunda who will shout at senators because a senator has taken a vote or position that Larry Bare, acting for the Governor, disagrees with, raising his voice. When I was told that, I said, he won't even raise his eyes to me, let alone his voice. We as a Legislature have to stop being pushed around and insulted, not just by the head man over there, but by his flunkies. They feel like they can come over here and insult legislators. I didn't know until this morning that Senator Baker has a relative in the administration (laugh) over there; I read it in the paper, but he said that they keep distance. Newspapers do serve a worthwhile purpose, on occasion, they bring things before the public. And why should these things not be made public? Why should they not be a part of our deliberations? We chose to be in this position, we are public people. And if anything about us or our...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...relationship or how we do our business should not be made known, then we should not be in this position, but all of those things are open to consideration. I