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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to take it up.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this is a bill which is not going to move today. I'm going to take the full 15 minutes on this bill, and I'm going to take the full 15 minutes on the next bill. And it is not too essential that I go into the details of these bills. But I sent around an explanatory piece this morning. Sometimes there are things that happen in a legislative setting which ought not to occur. And some people go along to get along, and I won't. Senator Hudkins knows what I intended to do, because I let her know. So she and I will collaborate in taking 30 minutes of the bodies time. And you all know that the utilization of time is something that I have no problem doing. Why am I doing this? Maybe I'll tell on the record, and maybe I won't. But sometimes when consent calendar is utilized things move that ought not. We do not have the amount of time to give consideration to a bill which ordinarily is the case. This situation came about in a very interesting manner. I had a little bill that I was struggling mightily to have enacted into law. A colleague came to me and wanted to make a deal. Well, we're politicians, so this bill was a part of the deal, although I didn't know it by number. The person who came to me mentioned that she had this little bill on consent calendar, whatever the number was, at the time I didn't know; I mentioned that I have a bill in which I'm interested. So the conversation, without giving every detail of it, resulted in this kind of proposition--we'll see what develops. And the colleague said, I understand what you're saying. So when that bill came up for a vote, my colleague voted for the bill. That's the first part of the agreement. Now it is incumbent on me to fulfill my end of it. Consent calendar rolled around, as it does on occasion, in the fullness of time. There were various bills on that list. She had a couple of them, I guess. So in delivering on my end of the bargain, as she had delivered on her's, I didn't make any comment at all when her bills came before the body. And the