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That's the way Charles Dickens envisioned the punishment that would befall people who hadn't conducted themselves appropriately. Well, among those things that I may have clanking behind me certainly is not a vote to sunset the Blind Commission before they even were allowed to take their first step.

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in opposition to the committee amendments but in strong support of the bill. I wanted to tell you a little story about one of my recent experiences. I had an opportunity to speak with a group of blind citizens about two weeks ago. And it was, oh I think it was the very day, or perhaps the day after Speaker Kristensen had designated LB 352 as a Speaker priority bill. And when I told these blind folks that the Speaker had indeed selected this as one of his priority bills, the excitement and the enthusiasm they displayed was incredible. They had previously expressed to me their disappointment when the previous administration had vetoed this. And when I told them that it was back and there was a good possibility that it would go through, it was just...it was incredible the hope that they talked of. They asked what they could do to help, and I indicated, you know, if they sent some e-mails and that and to get it on the agenda. I think that they are putting a lot of stock in this. They think that this is going to really help them, and I think it will as well. I think to put a sunset clause on a commission that is just starting out is, while I understand Senator Jensen's position on it, I think it's extremely perhaps shortsighted. I think that they're just getting it up and going and then we're going to take their funding away. Given that they've struggled so hard to get this commission into place, I think that would be really unfortunate to put a sunset provision on there. I'm also very comfortable with the fact that Senator Schimek has indicated that she's going to keep an eye on these committees and other boards and that and ferret out, if you will, the ones that aren't quite performing as the Legislature has expressed their desire to. So I oppose the committee amendment. I think that this...however, I think that LB 352 is a vital bill, I think it's very important. And I rise in strong support of the