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bill itself, but I won't support the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. On the Jensen amendment to the committee amendments to LB 352, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to explain a little bit. Like I said, this bill was up before the previous administration and the Governor at that time vetoed the bill. And so it came back again last year. And there was some reluctance on the committee's part to move this bill forward. First of all, we've got a Health Committee that's supposed to address all of the health of all its citizens, and there has been reluctance on the committee's part, not for the blind, but for anyone else who would like to set up a separate commission. And I think there are members of the body here who feel that we have more than enough boards and commissions. And so we had taken a vote on this, once, maybe twice in committee, without advancement. And it was a member of the blind, that group, that came and said, put a sunset on it; we can prove that we can do the job without anymore dollars, and we can serve our people better. And it was with that that I brought it back to the committee again and asked, you know, would you move this bill forward if there was a sunset on it? I just wanted to give you a little bit of that background. Certainly the Legislature can do whatever they wish. But there has been a reluctance, again, Senator Schimek, you can testify to that, of the Legislature here to promulgate more boards and commissions. But that's the background on how this got where it is. Certainly the Legislature here can decide if this is one that they want to separate out of the Health and Human Services Department where it is right now and where there are people that are serving this. I voted to advance it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. On the Jensen amendment to the committee amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I cannot thunder like the old prophet who said it, but he said, oh that my head were water and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for my people. Were I blind that's what I would be saying. As a member of a despised group myself,