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the attitude that we took toward people who were considered to have mental...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...problems. They were called crazy or demon possessed. And that's where the expression "beat the devil out of you" came from. They would beat these people, they would torture them, they would starve them, they would freeze them. The humane people were the ones doing it, the ones who were supposedly not possessed by devils. So, when it comes to this issue, and nobody of this group is here to speak for that group, we ought to just close our eyes and imagine that that's what life is going to be for us from now on. It's not too much to let the blind lead the sighted when we're dealing with the issues that relate to the blind.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Jensen amendment, Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Schimek and Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And, Senator Jensen, I am going to...I will vote for your amendment because that at least puts it to 2003, it was 2002 in the original committee amendments. I still don't like the idea of just wiping them out arbitrarily, and that's what it feels like to me. But the second thing is I want to point out to the Legislature, if you haven't looked at your bill or at the committee statement and so on, seven people came in, in support of the bill; not one person came in against the bill; nobody came in neutral. What does that tell you? That there wasn't a lot of opposition to the bill, that's what it tells you. And that...that...the other thing that Senator Jensen said something about it being vetoed last time, that's right, but this is...I've been at this for probably eight years, trying to get this commission. I don't know...I don't have all the dates, but I know we introduced it at least one time when it didn't come out of committee at all. And I see that five members did vote for it to come out, three did not, but that's still, just because they have some doubts about a new commission and so on, doesn't mean that the people who want this commission should not have it. I've said before they're hard-working, a lot of