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congressional federal preemption, and I think that would take precedence over our state. And the second one, even if that was not done, I believe that the court would sever out the parting question which is probably the voting status of the members on that board of the state legislators.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will turn on my light before I ask you another question. Thank you, Senator Hilgert.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hilgert, I don't believe preemption by the federal government has anything to do with what we're talking about because the federal government cannot tell a state how to interpret its own constitution, and, when it comes to constitutional law, the federal government will refuse to review a state's highest court's interpretation of its own constitution. Now if a person says that his or her rights were violated pursuant to the U.S. Constitution, then the U.S. Constitution would naturally take priority over anything a state court said. But when we're dealing with a state law and the state's highest court makes a ruling on a state law principle, the U.S....the federal courts will not and cannot review those decisions. But now to come to the other part of what you said. You gave it as your opinion, if I understood you, that the part that puts the senators on this board would be excised out by the court and the rest would be allowed to stand, is that what you said?

SENATOR HILGERT: That was my opinion based on the assumption, incorrect as it might be, that that is the part that is of concern to you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hilgert, what makes you feel that the court is going to pick and choose in an unconstitutional enactment which parts ought to be taken out and which parts ought to be left in when this is an intimate part of the bill? Let me back up. There are a certain number of voting members on this board, is that true?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes, it is.