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notebook here, but there is a...we have been dinged before, and we're still under current sanction right now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you, Senator...Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, this whole area has been one fraught...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with statements that are really not too firm, that we cannot rely on. The public is given misimpressions, and if we buy into that, then we help to foment an appearance of things being a certain way when that appearance is false. The next time I speak I will address my remarks to Senator Bourne's amendment, but I think this kind of thing plays into it too, suggesting that we're in good shape with the federal government, and I don't think we're in good shape at all.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I guess I ought to thank Senator Bourne. They say imitation is the most sincere form of flattery and he has used the language in the phrase out of my priority bill dealing with, well, the Rural Economic Opportunities Act. I think, though, there is quite a different concept in this bill than there is in my jobs bill. As probably most of you know, I have opposed this system. I voted against it last year. I spoke against it. I have serious doubts as to whether it's going to work or not. But as Senator Brashear pointed out, we went through that agony. We made the decision. It is the law, and now it behooves us to do whatever would make it work the most efficiently, and I'm afraid, even though I am grateful to Senator Bourne for his use of language, I'm going to have to disagree with this amendment. What we're talking about here is a very practical thing. Those of you who have been small town