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transcript in the time that I have, if you will stay with me that long. Now, if there are roughly 600 pages, I cannot promise to read a page a minute, but if I did then that would be 600 minutes. Since there are 60 minutes in an hour, it would take me 10 hours. But you-all know that the method that I use in discussing a matter requires me on occasion to detour or digress, so I will have commentary. But the approach I intend to take is one that is designed to be very careful, very analytical. So I will read every amendment slowly and distinctly so that it's clear what I intend to attempt to repeal when I get to those types of amendments. Then I will explain why I think it ought to be repealed. Following that, I will read from the transcript to give the context in which all of this is taking place. Now I have not been pushed to the limit on any bill this session. I carried one bill to cloture and that was the bad landlord bill, but that was an inconsequential matter. It was a long time ago and people's memories probably have faded. So this is the last opportunity the body has to call my hand, to tell me to put up, because I won't shut up, and I'm going to take all of that time. However, in the spirit of being collegial, at some point I'm going to offer a bracket motion. If the body votes against the bracket motion it means that they are prepared to stay with me to go through the eight hours, and we will finish those eight hours by 11:30. There have been times when I started at eight o'clock in the morning and carried us on into the nether reaches of the day. So I will take that time, compile a record, and the body can determine how much time it wants to give on a bill that is going nowhere. I am not responsible for anything in connection with this bill--the form it is in, the time it came on the floor, or the time remaining in the session. But, speaking, as I've tried to do these last few days, as a practical politician, I believe time is on my side. I have absolutely nothing to lose but everything to gain by doing as I intend to do. I am going to kill this bill. It can either be done expeditiously and cleanly, or the body can test me to see how iron like my resolve it, how steeled my will is, how determined I am to carry through on this. And if,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at the end of one hour, the body decides