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will be a deficit appropriation of how much, I have no idea, and we'll be faced with that next year, with our other budget decisions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my discussion is in the context of what I've been talking about, not only this session, but sessions past, where agencies and other branches have no respect for the Legislature at all. That's why I'm glad the Governor is sending those veto messages tumbling in here. Do you think, if a Governor thought that the Legislature was going to stand on its hind legs, that the Legislature would be dealt with in such a contemptuous manner? Legislatures in other states don't encounter what this Legislature encounters. Believe it or not, I have been to a couple of other states, and I can read, and I understand. Do you realize that there are state senators, in other states, who obtain and garner far more respect than the senators do in this state, because they know what the authority and power is they have as legislators, and they're not interested in trying to be a good guy who everybody is going to like. When the governor is kicking them around, executive agencies are kicking them around, the attorney general tells them where to go, and they shake and tremble and run and hide under a table. Then, when he vetoes their bills, they start grumbling and grouching to me. Well, I'm going to say, I told you so, and he ought to do it. If you lie down on the floor where a rug is needed, that person is going to walk on you like a rug. If you lay down in front of a door, you are a doormat and you are to be the one on whom a person wipes his or her feet. That's what this Legislature is. Courts have tried to protect legislatures from themselves. When they attempt, the legislatures, to assign to another agency or division of government legislative functions, the court calls it an improper or unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority. Only the Legislature, under the constitution, has the power to legislate. And when a legislature, for whatever reason, even if through inadvertence, gives away some of that authority, the court steps in and stops it. And the court says, I am like the seashore, this far shall the ocean come and no farther. And if the Legislature does not know how to stop it, I