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Pederson, Senator Quandahl, the house is under call. Senator Preister, the house is under call. Senator Brashear, would you check in, please. The question is the adoption of the Hilgert amendment to LB 1279. Roll call vote in regular order was requested by Senator Hilgert. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1681.) Vote is 17 ayes, 20 nays on the adoption of Senator Hilgert's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to. Call is raised.

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate on the advancement of LB 1279? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hate to see my young colleague go down in flames, my other young colleague the same, but I'm pleased that they are making an effort to bring us to a position of equity and justice. I had said over here, in the culture corner, that this Legislature hates old people. And I guess that's true, there is such a thing as self-hatred because as I look around this room...I'll just leave that statement hanging. (Laughter) But the minimal things that we could do will not be done, so I've got to talk about how the Legislature's image suffers. You all think the image suffers because of me. That's not true. It's not true at all. The image of the Legislature suffers because the Legislature does not give its attention to those things that are important. The Legislature allows itself to be kicked around, and that is going to have to come to an end. I will continually, no, continuously, meaning without break, relentlessly hammer on the theme of the Legislature declaring its independence from cowardice at worst, apathy and ignorance at best. I wonder periodically why some of us want to be in the Legislature. We just sit like knots on logs, we don't know what's going on, can't explain a bill, won't stand up on an issue; but let the lobbyists say I'm going to feed you, and here we come "bogity, bogity, bogity", always ready to rub elbows