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It's not. There are disabled people who have no money, who are going to be turned out of their homes, I believe, because we passed that amendment. I know he's trying to add a little levity to the situation but when I hear that and then I see people kind of off to the side, their smug looks when Senator Chambers...or excuse me, Senator Hilgert's amendment goes down in flames, it's not funny. There are poor people who are disabled who cannot work who are going to be turned out of their homes because they're barely hanging onto their houses, they can't afford the tax bill. And that's what we did when we passed that amendment. I'm not going to vote to advance the bill and I urge you all not to. This is...it's really not a laughing matter. I mean, we can stand here and make jokes. Maybe we laugh because we're uncomfortable by what we've done. Disabled people who have no money will lose their homes, I believe, because of that amendment. I would urge you not to advance this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, on the advancement of LB 1279.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Bourne has decided to get his feet wet and if he thinks I think it's a laughing matter, he has been oblivious to all of the things I've talked about ever since he's been here and sat like a knot on a log and quiet and not opened his mouth on many issues that he should have spoken on. So now that he has decided to offer a couple of amendments, it must be done his way. Then he chuckled and said it's not a laughing matter. I could tell him if it's not a laughing matter, you shouldn't laugh. He laughed. He's got to come to an understanding, and I'm going to do some teaching while I'm on this floor, to the old ones and to the young ones. And when they come after me, I'm going to come back. I will stand alone on this floor and speak for those who have no voice when others are off doing whatever they do. And I don't just do it one day on one bill with one amendment. And I am the one who, if I felt about this bill what some of my colleagues say they feel like, that bill wouldn't go anywhere. So if it's not a laughing matter, learn from me and do as I do. Put your amendments up there and stop it. I've shown you the way. I don't just tell you, and I do it when I do it alone. And when I make everybody angry it doesn't