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have strongly held views on this issue, and I think that is good. We should all have views and we should advocate for them. But in this instance, Senator Bourne, I cannot agree with you in the views that you hold. We have attempted to rationalize the homestead exemption area. It appears that we have more work to do and...but I think that work is for another year.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Wickersham. On the motion to bracket LB 1279, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Beutler and Senator Redfield.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I often have to resort to analogies. We often hear the argument that Senator Wickersham gave on various issues where the number affected will not be great. But to the one, the two, the several who are affected, it's everything. It's everything. Now I'm not going to repeat what I said about the Governor the other day. I know I rubbed some people's feelings raw, but that's the example I mean. If it happens to the right person, then everybody empathizes and that one fills the whole scream. But when it comes to others, the unknown, the unnamed, the inconsequential, the insignificant, then we say, well, it's just a few and so that's all right. Well, with the way airplanes have been falling out of the sky, civilian and military, I doubt that anybody would go to the FAA and say, I want to be licensed to start an airline. Now I expect most of my airplanes to make it from Point A to Point B, but I expect maybe one to one and one-half percent to fall out of the sky. Ninety-nine will make it but that hundredth is not going to make it. Do you think the FAA would approve of that, knowing in advance that the person who is offering it knows that some of the planes are going to crash? No. And the public would be up in arms if they did license an airline that said that. But when it comes to individuals, when it comes not to broken airplanes, as that song said, "Sweet dreams, flying machines and pieces on the ground." Well, if the flying machines are in pieces on the ground, people don't like that. The dreams may not be that consequential either. But when we're talking about broken people and broken lives, it should mean something to us, and not so glibly should we say a few are going to be put out of their homes and that's all right. A lot of you probably have never been confronted with the specter of losing your home or having