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somebody near and dear to you close to losing a home or actually losing it, especially somebody who is up in years. It hasn't happened to me, but it doesn't have to happen to me. This is one of the reasons I think people ought to sometimes delve into literature, pay attention to drama, go to an opera if you can, or to a play on Broadway, if it's going to deal with those human conditions that can best be projected through actors. Because when we hear it discussed on the floor of a legislature or you watch it on the television news there is not the impact as when you can sit there for a concentrated period of time and watch the whole story play out from beginning to end, the beginning, the middle and the end. And it creates an emotional response in you because it's difficult not to respond when you are a human being to other human beings hurt. So I am not one of those who can say that not that many people will be thrown out of their homes so I can accept that. Who am I to accept somebody thrown out...being thrown out of their home? I cannot accept it. I cannot accept one person so I will fight hard and I will lose on a lot of those things. But I will not lose my self-respect, and I will not be one of those who, when the wolf sits on my door, people will say, what are you hollering about? When other people were losing their homes, you thought it was all right. Now you have an aged relative, you have an aged neighbor,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you have an aged friend, and suddenly you want people to be concerned about you? Well, you were not concerned about somebody else, and others were not concerned about that somebody else. So now that you're in the role of that somebody else, in the same way you and others were not concerned about somebody else over here, they're not concerned about you. We have to get past that. I'm going to support the bracket motion if it comes to a vote.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in a number of ways I have a great sympathy with what Senator Bourne is trying to do and, in a different context or with a different amendment, I might well be tempted to vote for some