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be sucked up, siphoned off by the government. That's a very stark, ideological difference. And guilty, I'm guilty. I think you should be able to enjoy your retirement years, and simply because you're getting a retirement income, that doesn't mean, aha, money for the state or money for the political subdivision, that's more money the government can get their hands on. Ideologically, I guess I'm more conservative when it comes to this issue. I don't think that retirement incomes exist to pay taxes, but to support people in their golden years. So I accept that differentiation. If we would have, in 1995, or 1996, my first session down here, we could have limited state spending to 3 percent, and within 4.5 years, which would have been last year, had a \$50,000 homestead exemption across the board, but we didn't want to do that. Wanted to play the state aid game and this game and that game and tinker and tinker and tinker. So I do agree, though, with Senator Redfield a broad-based, across-the-board homestead exemption like they have in Louisiana and some other states, would make sense. But we're not there yet. And that...and if I was choosing right now between expanding the homestead exemption for disabled individuals and an across-the-board homestead exemption, I would take the across-the-board homestead exemption. But that's not the choice that confronts us today. That's not on the table. I would be happy to cosponsor such a bill should someone want to introduce it, but I think we're far too gone down this road that that will ever be a reality in the state of Nebraska, no matter how much sense it makes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. On the motion to bracket LB 1279, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers on the floor? Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close on the motion to bracket LB 12...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think I must be getting in better shape because I'm not out of breath, but I had a lot of territory to cover here after I heard my name called. I don't know how many people would support the bracket motion. This is one time I don't think that I've emptied the Chamber. When I was going to another destination, I looked across the hall and I saw vittles and beverages, and I believe that the stomachs are probably summoning people at this point. But that doesn't mean that the