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CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have done as much on and to this bill as a single senator could be expected to do, and probably more than anybody would require of a senator. But I take seriously my responsibilities. However, there's a reality about politics which I recognize. This is not a good bill, in my opinion. The policy is not a good one, granting the authority to raise fees even when those who are getting that authority say they don't need it. The bill, no matter how much merit it might have at a different time, under different circumstances, is entirely premature at this point. However, my request now, my suggestion is that we not vote to enact this bill into law. In the legislative process, and in the process of legislating, we must get what we can. Many times, especially for me, that means not getting all that is desired, which means, taking it the next logical step, not getting what is in the best interest of the public. I am not being egotistical or arrogant when I suggest that my view of the way things ought to be coincides with what is in the best interest of the public. I read these bills. I'm aware of the context in which these bills are going to operate. And I make my decision based on that. Having arrived at a decision, I use whatever means are at my disposal to try to have that decision implemented. Since this bill is not in the cross hairs of my weaponry, I'm going to use this time to say something else about what's happening this session. When you look at this yellow sheet and you see all of these bills that have tumbled out here, it's clear that committees are not doing their job. Committees are failing in their responsibility to weed out a lot of these bills. When the Unicameral was established, the person who was pushing hard to have that done...you named the chamber across the hall after him...pointed out that it is essential that there be plenty of debate and discussion of all bills, because there is a one-house legislature. But it's very important that committees do their job and eliminate a lot of these bills. Many of them are poorly written. So here's what you all may as well get ready for. Even bills with which I may agree, or if I