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amendments at this point. So I will continue with my presentation on my amendment, the opening for which I am delivering. And I know that people are sitting on the edges of their seat to hear what else my amendment does. What else my amendment does is this. In line 6, we would strike the word "recognizes" and insert in its place the word "finds." About half-way across that page you will see the word "the," t-h-e. I would strike that and insert the word "a," which is the letter "a." Then when we proceed about two-thirds of the way across that line, we see the word "this," and I would strike that and show it as stricken and substitute the word "the." Instead of saying, as the existing language does, the Legislature recognizes that it is "the" public purpose of "this" state, it would say, it is "a" public purpose of "the" state. The structure throughout this bill and the statutes, where correctly done, would be the two words "the state," not "this state," not "the state of Nebraska," and not using the word "Nebraska," but "the state." So whenever I have the opportunity to put those two words there in place of something else which is not appropriate, I'm going to do so. These changes are not sinister, they are not ominous, but they are more correct. The reason we say it is "a" public service...purpose of the state to properly develop the water and related land resources of the state and so forth, is because that activity is not the only purpose of the state, it's one of the purposes, so you say it is "a" purpose of the state, not "the" purpose. I realize that some people might feel that's the only reason the state exists. But in fact that is not true. That is all that I'm doing with my first amendment. I'm going to take what I intend to do on this first page of the committee amendments in small, bite-size, easily digestible chunks. And in the process of offering these simple amendments, simple in the sense of what they do as well as the ease with which they can be understood,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it will give me a chance to talk about other aspects of the bill and raise questions. Much in this bill I'm sure I am not understanding, because I didn't have the time to sit and take as much time as I wanted to. But I saw enough things that needed changing to allow me to offer