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Schimek gave us and just tear out every other page, and the pages that are left are the ones we'll allow to continue to exist, and I assure you the state will not fall off the face of the earth. The public at large will not be aware of it. Here's what I'm going to watch. When the Governor comes in here and tries to add a dozen state troopers, now I'll speak against that but how many of you will? That's a substantial amount of money, but it's not politically acceptable, and that's why I'm out of step so much of the time. It doesn't take guts, with all due respect to Senator Thompson and Senator Stuhr, to bring a bill like this. Senator Thompson showed some moxie when she wanted to go into the Roads funds, didn't you?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, I did. I don't know about the moxie.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. See, that is something. That takes some backbone. But this little nibbling around the edges is of no great consequence to anybody. Kill this process that these boards are a part of, and what have you done? How many people on this floor even knew the boards existed? Do you think there's going to go up a great shout of hosanna around this state because this board has been abolished and now taxes are going to go down? I couldn't quite hear you? (Laugh) See, I use that for a point. I heard very well, I just couldn't distinguish what was being said. People are not precise in what they say. Sometimes I'm giving a talk and I won't use a microphone and I'll say, can you hear me in the back, and they'll say no. I say then, how could you answer the question if you couldn't hear me? People just don't think. When I was up there presiding and some people noticed that I didn't bow my head or close my eyes. Well, their heads had to be unbowed and their eyes unclosed to see what I was doing or not doing, didn't they? And while I'm on this, you all ought to stop that preaching which every senator does, now. The preachers don't want to be talking to an empty Chamber, but now it's even more amusing than it was before because I get to turn on my set and watch my colleagues speak to an empty room, praying. Who are they inspiring, the tables, the microphones? The lights don't shine any brighter. When the sky is overcast, the sun does not come out. Sometimes the prayer does not exemplify in his or her conduct on the floor the principles that were being articulated