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consider what we are trying to do, and I thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill...or resolution, excuse me. (FA5, Legislative Journal page 366.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LR 1CA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) Mr. President, Mr. President, members of the Legislature and Senator Stuhr, don't panic; keep your powder dry. I need to discuss this issue a bit and I don't expect the amendment I'm offering to be adopted. What it would do is change one word. In line 8, I would strike the word "declared" and insert "recommended". It makes as much sense...it makes more sense to me than what is in the constitution now. I believe that the best argument for a system of education is to look at the people who were produced by that system. Let us see what impact it has had on those people who passed through that system. Do they understand that a sentence is to have a subject and a predicate, unless you're writing poetry or novels where you can exercise poetic license? But a subject, a predicate expresses a complete thought. I have gotten mail signed by chief executive officers. They probably didn't type it, but, since it's to be his or her point of view, that person would sign it, and it appears that the person believes that a certain number of words constitutes a sentence. So you get one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, that looks about right, they put a period, and it might say...now the number of words is not correct...the quick brown fox, period. The next sentence: jumped over the lazy, period. Then you write, dog, exclamation point, and they have done a nice piece of work as far as composing. I got a questionnaire a few years ago from a person at the university who wanted questions answered, knowing that senators and other people in public life are not that well educated, this person wrote a sentence so that we wouldn't feel that our inferior education should be a reason for our not responding to the questions. So