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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Madam President and members of the Legislature, the other day there was discussion about a bill and Senator Hall had indicated that county attorneys had agreed to it, and my good friend, Senator Robinson, in his booming, forceful voice said, well if the county attorneys feel that way, they ought to let us know. I don't know if he had in his box a copy of the letter from the Police Chiefs Association that said they would like the bill to be expanded so that it encompasses all police departments statewide, but I do have a copy of that letter. If he hasn't seen it, I'll make sure that he gets it. And I'm in favor of the bill being statewide in operation. But here's the Catch 22 that a person with the name Chambers encounters in this Legislature. If I bring a bill, even though it deals with a statewide issue, like district elections of political subdivisions, people will say if the problem is with Omaha and Douglas County, limit it to Omaha and Douglas County, which is the way that I've approached it, and I said okay. This instance exists based on a live problem in Omaha where various city administrations, from at least 20 years ago, have bargained away the power of the chief to make assignments that I think are essential to public safety. So I had the bill drafted by the City Attorney of Omaha to apply only to the City of Omaha. It has been viewed properly, in my opinion, as a public safety issue that encompasses all police departments throughout the state, and a request has been made by the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska that the scope of the bill be expanded to be statewide in its operation. I agree. And had I known that the chiefs felt that way, I could have drafted the bill like that in the first place. But on Select File I will have an amendment properly drafted to achieve that goal and I will submit it to the body. I hope that you will vote to advance this bill. I emphasize again it is a public safety issue. I read an article in the World Herald over the weekend, and I think the number of people attending the meeting was listed as 300, but at least over 100, I believe. There were ministers, priests, other representatives of the clergy, public officials and business persons. And they were talking about the kinds of problems that contribute to the difficulties that Omaha will face this summer. They also mentioned that there is a likelihood of violent outbreaks. Now, they don't feel like maybe Senator Witek suggested on the floor the other day that if you don't mention what the facts indicate is likely to happen, it won't happen. I'm not the only one talking about the