

Chambers has obstructed this bill from the very beginning, just like he does other bills, telling the Mayor of Omaha that he's going to kill his sales tax, telling everybody on any other bill, Senator Pedersen's bill, filing 22 amendments. These are the things that have happened. This is the work that we have done to this bill. We have not worked on the provisions of this bill, very little have we worked on the provisions of this bill. You're talking about gaining control of this agenda, you need to look at who's taking away that loss of control on this agenda and deal with that. I, too, feel that there's a lot of important issues that need to be discussed after this bill, but I feel that this bill also has important issues to discuss that have never had the opportunity to be discussed on this floor, because there are individuals who will not allow that to happen. Why should one person say that they won't allow these things to be discussed? What harm would it be, as I talked to Senator Chambers ahead of time, in just letting us have the opportunity to discuss these amendments? Let's discuss drug free school zones, that's what the county attorneys wanted so they could prosecute here in the State of Nebraska. Let's see if we have the votes that I think we have on this floor. Let's discuss parole for...for...not receiving parole for people who have committed a felony. You know, these are things that we can discuss here on the floor and find out if we have a majority opinion. If we just go ahead and say get rid of the bill and drag these provisions through judiciary again next year, or the next year, or the next year, like they have been, when are we going to face the fact that we have to discuss these provisions. What message are we sending, saying that we'll just let another year go by without discussing these provisions on this bill. It's not that we don't want to, it's that we don't have the opportunity to. That's what we need to look at and discuss. I am not trying to...to...it's not Kate Witek going up against Senator Chambers on this bill. I do carry water into this Legislature for many, many people who've worked on the provisions of this bill, and these people would like to see these things passed. And yet we can't get to them, and you have to ask yourself why. Why can't we get to these provisions? Why can't we just put it up to a vote of the majority of this body on this and so many other bills? I still say we don't need this bracket motion, let's bracket it until next year. All the same things that Senator Withem has given you to talk about will still work for next year. We can still do an interim study on these things. If you'd like to have more than an eight page fiscal note on this bill and more information in setting up a