

Senator Simon, did you originate this bill or was it brought to you by the officials of Omaha?

SENATOR SIMON: As you well know, it was brought to me by the officials of Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the record can only take down what we state on the mike. There are a lot of things that I do know. Senator Simon, does Omaha have a legal department?

SENATOR SIMON: The last time I checked they did, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it staffed by competent attorneys?

SENATOR SIMON: Not being a resident of the City of Omaha, I will not answer that question. I will make an assumption that I believe them to be, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To your knowledge, did the legal department of Omaha look at this bill?

SENATOR SIMON: That I do not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who asked you to introduce it, the city council, the mayor, or the Chief of Police, do you know?

SENATOR SIMON: It was a combination of Greg Stuve who, of course, is the lobbyist for the City of Omaha and also the police chief.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So between the police chief and Greg Stuve we had the bill in its jumbled unworkable incompetently drafted form.

SENATOR SIMON: I think also I might add...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am just asking.

SENATOR SIMON: I will get you on last shots.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't want to answer that, thank you, Senator Simon. Members of the Legislature, the record will show the objections I have to this bill and there will be an opportunity in the future for me to try to present to the Legislature an attempt to cut back on some of the activities engaged in by the Omaha Police Division, such as, provoking people to flee so that they can chase them. This is to kind of cover that over and justify what they do and place an additional penalty on the person. So I am opposed to the bill, and by the time it gets to Final Reading, there may be some other difficulties with it, but since Senator Simon is so ungrateful, I am not going to trouble him any more with objections that I may have about the bill and we will just see what form it finally takes.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Simon, there is no other light. Senator Barnett, I am sorry.

SENATOR BARNETT: I tried to object to that line of questioning a little while ago because he was asking for a conclusion from the witness but I couldn't get your attention but other than that I have some comments. When you asked about written