

has had a problem with high speed chases. Lincoln, Nebraska, does have through its Police Department its own restrictions and its own police procedures in high speed chases. I can't answer for all the other cities in the State of Nebraska but I will do this and I can't remember if I have talked to Ernie about this or not. But the body, the legislative body agreed with Senator Chambers to put this bill out on the floor although there was not complete agreement with the idea of losing the local control, and I think Senator Chambers might have alluded to that, I am not sure if he did or not but he told everything about it like it was in this area and especially in these last three people that was testifying, the Chief of Police in Lincoln. He really didn't want restrictions because he was handling the problem locally and, therefore, what I want to do, Ernie, Senator Chambers, what I am going to do is I am going to ask you somewhere either now or in your closing I would propose, and I may not be able to do it here, but I would propose to put this bill and make this bill, put an amendment on it so it would refer to Douglas County and leave Lincoln out of it and the rest of the state and I realize what your arguments will be but I am going to say that to you now because Lincoln would prefer to stay out of the bill and have their own local control. I want you to know that before you come to your closing or answer any other questions. So I did bring that up and he has explicitly explained the bill. He told it exactly like it handled but I have to bring up the issue of the Lincoln problem, the Lincoln suggestion that they would rather maintain their local control than go under state regulations.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is quite a major piece of legislation and it does deal very adequately with a lot of the problems that Senator Chambers has brought to our attention and I was thoroughly convinced in the public hearing on this matter before the Judiciary Committee that this bill is necessary because the City of Omaha does not seem to be taking action to establish policy in this area. Senator Barnett pointed out very adequately the City of Lincoln does have regulations on high speed chases in their policy and that seems to control these kinds of problems and I think the bill could be completely unnecessary if the City of Omaha would simply implement some reasonable regulations but they have had a good period of time. It has been a year since this bill was introduced and it has come out of committee and they have not even attempted to offer some amendments and so I think that perhaps the bill is necessary and I do support Senator Chambers. I think an interesting note in the committee hearing is that Senator Venditte also voted to bring this bill out of committee and I think that would indicate that Senator Venditte, I think all of us know him well enough that he is certainly not going to do anything to hamstring the Police Department in Omaha and that should put some of our minds at ease and so I would urge that we would pass LB 65.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I have a question of Senator Chambers if he would yield.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Chambers, would you respond to