

but I do believe it should be left up to the local police department as it is here in Lincoln. I just don't know how you're going to apprehend people if you just plain say you're not going to chase them. I realize it's been abused and that sometimes you know who the people are and it's probably not necessary to chase but I certainly don't believe that you ought to pass a statewide law that...and the law officer cannot chase someone that has broken the law and I guess that's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator John De Camp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, the chase bill has been around the Legislature for several years. Senator Chambers got concerned about it, I don't know, three, four years ago, and he brought in a proposal or talked about a proposal as I recall, and I worked to kill it. I told him it was a crazy proposal because at that time what he was trying to do, I felt, was basically outlaw, the police being able to pursue people. He went back, he went to the drawing board, worked with the Judiciary Committee, and they have come up with a piece of legislation here that sets very clear-cut reasonable standards that nobody has yet said anything against. Everybody that has talked about it has said, yes, these all make sense. They're all reasonable but here in Lincoln like, we're already doing them and outstate, we'd just as soon not have them. You can't pass this bill unless you pass it statewide. It doesn't make sense otherwise. What are we talking about? Well the bill has tort liability in it. How are you going to have a system where one county has laws with tort liability and then when they cross the county lines it doesn't apply any more. What about if somebody goes from Douglas County over into Sarpy County. In addition, you have some actual criminal penalties. How could you have our speeding laws and our other laws that don't apply uniformly across the state, they're criminal laws so the concept of trying to limit this bill, if you're going to adopt it to this chunk or that chunk, it just is unworkable. Now is it a burden upon law enforcement? Well I go back to what we found out in the Committee and what has been said on the floor. There's no standard in the bill that is apparently unreasonable. Everybody said, well these are policies and guidelines. If they are good policies and guidelines, let's get them into black and white, into print, where we can look at them so the officer on this side knows what he can and can't do and should and should not do and the public knows what their protections over on the other side are. I do urge you to move the bill. After three or four years working on this, Senator Chambers, and the Committee have brought it to a very reasonable point.

PRESIDENT: Would you like to close debate on your motion to advance, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have an article here and it's dated October 2nd, 1977, from the Omaha World-Herald. I didn't have the opportunity to include this, but it talks about the hot pursuit policy being debated all over the country and there is a quote that comes from the Los Angeles Police Department and it says: "Once you get involved in these things, the pitch of the siren, the involvement of the chase, you might even say the thrill of the chase, the flow of adrenalin is so high, and people get so keyed up, that it's sometimes very difficult to make the decision that says, hey, I've gone far enough."