

our state who don't know that they have to register. These young men at least should be given a chance to know about their duty to register. If they choose not to do, to not to register, that is their own business. If you get a letter under this to a young man and he doesn't want to register, that is his business, but at least he was notified. You give him a chance to make an informed decision. Now let me remind you what happens if they fail to register. Number one, no chance for federal loans, jobs; no chance for student loans; no chance to appeal, no matter how good their excuse. If you fail to pass this amendment, you will be sentencing some young men in your district to some very severe penalties, penalties that will follow them the rest of their lives. I ask you to adopt this amendment and turn away any other amendments that might be offered. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion on the Peterson amendment. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Higgins.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, "Senator Gaba" put together a good amendment and a good rationale but, nevertheless, I must be opposed to it. We are not concerned whether or not the federal government walks away from this state. The federal government is not going to benefit this state by taking the names and addresses and other pertinent information of our young men that can be used for purposes other than Selective Service. This amendment, this whole bill is not designed to help the State of Nebraska. The Secretary of State is in the Reserves. His assignment is to work with the Secret Service, I mean, Selective Service, correction, Freudian slip, Freudian slip. His assignment is work with the Selective Service and part of that is to try to get all this information for them as cheaply as possible and other uses than Selective Service uses can be made of it. We, by passing a law at the state level, cannot determine what the federal government is going to do with any information that it has. If the current bill, let's say that it could be binding on the federal government once the information leaves this state, the language of the bill says something like for required Selective Service purposes. One of the required selective purposes under any future act of Congress could be to provide to any agency of the federal government any information it has on any citizen and that, by becoming a required service or duty of the Selective Service, would then move this information right into these other agencies' hands. So the best thing in the world would be for the federal government to walk away. Nobody is trying to get at