

If you see the misdemeanor committed in another jurisdiction, I don't think that you get much of a chance, but that you get that violation that occurs in your jurisdiction, and because they can beat you to the county border, you are home free. And what this discussion centered on the other day was that we don't want the Dukes of Hazard out here in rural Nebraska. Now the City of Omaha and Lancaster and the City of Lincoln already have legislation like this in place that allow for that cooperation. This is really for the rest of the state to have those same powers, and the larger or the worst fear and evil here is that you've got people who are going to race to the borders that cause a lot more liability, that cause a lot more crimes to be committed. This is something that people thought they had to begin with, because of a statute that says police officers have the same power as the sheriffs. The Supreme Court decided that wasn't true and, certainly, Senator Hall and I have been on the same side a lot of times about wishing the Supreme Court would have decided something differently that made a lot of sense, and for some reason, didn't get decided that way and has placed us in jeopardy. Now for many of our communities, this is large jeopardy and, quite frankly, it is dangerous. This bill seeks to put some stability back in this, create and stop the craziness of racing for the border, and with the size of our counties, I certainly think that the Hall amendment would add some very illogical results. Anytime you could just go across the street and get into another county, as a practical matter that's illogical and makes a mockery of the law. If you should be able to arrest somebody and pursue them if you saw the event occur in front of you, just because you have got a sign that says going into the next county means they get away, it is not good public policy, and for those that don't want police officers to have more powers, then I would, I'd vote for this and say I don't want the police to have powers, and I don't want them to be able to arrest people, but I just don't think that is good social policy at all.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I would oppose the Hall amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the