

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is a situation where even he would not spend a lot of time campaigning on an issue like this. And, in fact, this issue ought to be raised in people's campaign to show how silly the Legislature is. This amendment would allow them to chase and endanger the public in their own and as many as nine other counties for a misdemeanor, but it would not allow them to do that for a traffic infraction. So I hope you will vote for this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hall, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment, which would strip traffic infractions from the provisions as it relates to the pursuit through various adjoining counties. Senator Chambers, the example that you gave using Custer County was probably appropriate. Much like Custer, you will go down in defeat at your own Little Big Horn here today, and I unfortunately will join you in that process, but neither one of us has long golden hair. The issue here is again one of what...somebody told me, who is much wiser than I, happens to be a little older, maybe that has something to do with it, but just a few minutes ago he says, Tim, he says, you can't legislate common sense. What Senator Chambers tries to do in this amendment is make an attempt at legislating some common sense. I know you can't do that. I know you try to do that every time, but you just can't. If we adopt the Chambers amendment and strip the traffic infractions, you move a little bit closer to that, you don't guarantee it. You don't guarantee that each individual law enforcement officer is going to make the right decision. I understand that. I accept that. But here, as a body, we try to put together the parameters by which...or the instructions we give them. When you give them, basically, free rein to run from county to county, that's what they are going to use as the parameters by which they make their decisions. I think with the Chambers amendment, you'll legislate a little common sense into the bill. That is all I was attempting to do in my previous amendment. I think that it is a good proposal. It would then at least bring some sensibility to the legislation and curtail to probably a great extent the number of chases that would take place under this law as we would pass it, not under any ability or any law that is in place that currently allows for this to happen. That's the big difference. That's what you have to