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Stenberg would take the opportunity that he did to politicize last week's horrible event,' Nelson said. 'I call on him to stop his politicizing of a very, very tragic event.' Stenberg said, 'Ben Nelson shamefully and inappropriately held a news conference on the very day of Officer Wilson's funeral to politically promote himself on the issue of crime.'" Have you ever seen anything so like two jackals fighting over a bone, fighting over a carcass? Barely cold in the ground, and here are your top executive officers, and you want to tell me this bill is not political? What does that tell you? There is too much pretending on the legislative floor as there is throughout this society. I know the Governor...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was being political when he chose the occasion of a funeral, the day of a funeral, to make a political pitch for an unconstitutional law. And I know that the Attorney General was political when he used the death of an officer to try to get the Legislature to call a special session. And you're going to tell me this is not political? Others know the truth, they just won't tell it. I will. This is a political bill, it ought not to be done, and it gives these people a status to which they're not entitled.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Next speaker, Senator Matzke, please.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to respond to some of the points that Senator Chambers has discussed with you. To quote him, he said this bill puts a higher value and a higher worth on police officers than it does on other members of society. And this is an issue that Senator Chambers and I debated last year when this bill was before the Judiciary Committee. This bill does not do that. It does not signify that the life of a police officer is worth more or has a higher value than the life of a teacher, of a worker, a legislator, anyone else. Human life, by definition, is the ultimate worth in our society, and no human life is placed above another. So then, you might ask, why bring a bill like this then? Why say that killing a police officer should be considered as an exceptional, factual situation, when killing a