

legislative records and see who does his or her homework, who can justify and support with rational arguments a position and who is the person, Senator Venditte, who will merely stand up and make a blanket statement, "You know where Senator Chambers is on law enforcement." You don't know where I am on very many issues and you certainly don't know where I stand on this one. Senator Venditte is very unaware of how a society functions which has a group of people with the discretionary power to take life and he says that those people should not be set apart from the rest of the citizens. When they put on that uniform and become cloaked with an authority that even not a judge has, Senator Venditte, when a judge sentences somebody to die, there are certain legal procedures which must be complied with. This is not the case where the police are concerned. As a matter of fact, it took great effort on my part, Senator Venditte, to require the Omaha Police Division to bring its shooting policy into compliance with the U. S. Constitution and the laws of civilized society. The Police Department fought it, the city attorney fought it until I was able to marshal such arguments that they were overwhelmed and had to do away with their barbarous shooting policy so I have helped law enforcement considerably in this state to rise to a higher level of excellence in professionalism. I think what you ought to do on the amendment that I offered is consider it on its merits. This language which has been in the statutes was not put there by me. It was not put there apparently by people that Senator Venditte even knows by name, but if he did, I am sure he would say they were antilaw enforcement also. What we have to do on bills of this nature is to look at the long range effect and impact. Nobody cares that much about the political impact of law enforcement, Senator Venditte, unless that Senator is afraid of loud talking people who make ugly faces and stamp their feet and make threats. Now that has never moved me on this floor. Perhaps it does you. So I would wish that you would not judge me by yourself. Members of the Legislature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Those of you who can view this issue on its merits, consider it and decide whether or not you think it is appropriate that those who are in a position to enforce the law and bring sanctions against people with whom they disagree ought to be allowed this power. You will note that the U. S. Supreme Court found it necessary just yesterday, Senator Venditte, to say that it is unconstitutional for officers to make random stops and searches of people's cars based on a supposed check of a driver's license or registration.