

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Maresh. He says we are getting by without the program now. What is happening is that we are getting by with murder. There was a man from the University of Nebraska who studies old bones to help determine in the case of skeletons whether there was foul play and if so, the cause of death if it is possible to determine. You know what he told us? That because of the system of detection in Nebraska the best place in the country to commit a murder is in Nebraska. The best place. You should come right to this state because there will not be any detection. So it surprises me that Senator Maresh is in favor of covering for murderers. Senator Maresh, Senator Maresh, even when I tried to have the death penalty abolished, I don't say turn the murderers loose. You don't even want the murderers caught. You don't even want them to stand trial. You don't even want them to go to jail. Maybe he is for the death penalty really not because of the crime that was committed but because they were dumb enough to get caught. In a state as easy as Nebraska where it is so simple to cover a murder, maybe if someone is dumb enough and careless enough the penalty should be death but being completely serious, we had people from other parts of the country because they had experience in this line. The Elvis Presely situation which is now being examined by their state medical board because of the way the doctor was perhaps improperly describing amounts of medication was worked on by one of the individuals who testified before the committee and brought information to us. So you have a situation of a well known.....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:....of a well known individual, like Elvis Presely, we won't talk about his capability as a singer, he was well known, who should have been allowed to stay in the ground because people were trying to work it that way. But because somebody thought that something was wrong and there was capable medical expertise, we now have a total investigation of that incident. Senator Maresh, you shouldn't have to be an Elvis Presely for your family to be able to determine why you actually died. I think Senator Maresh's amendment ought to be stricken because it would totally cripple the bill and make it almost ineffective.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question or two and I think perhaps, Senator Maresh, it'll have some bearing on your proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, will you respond?