

Chambers is trying to twist these words around, and so I am asking this body, if Senator Chambers does take this to court, how much is it going to cost us? How much is it going to cost the State of Nebraska? And at this particular point I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you yield?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, what did it cost the state on your court challenge of the Legislature's use of a chaplain? I mean, I understand that the State of Nebraska paid your attorneys.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think, Senator Hefner, it was about \$8000 that they were granted in fees, I think. I had no part in that. So I am going by what I read in the paper and I think it was about \$8000.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I understand that you won the case, that the state had to pay your attorneys. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, in reality I didn't win the case, the people won the case. But nevertheless the state, because it took a position which it knew it could not support, was made to pay the cost of requiring court action. That's what the situation is. Now should this bill pass, whoever signs the vouchers to grant the expenses can sign them in the same way that vouchers are signed to grant us expenses now between the session. So what you ought to do, Senator Hefner, is ask, how, if the Constitution is so clear as you stated, we can be given expenses under that same Constitution when we are not in session, for however many trips, to fly to various conferences in other parts of the country and to do various other things that are not allowed if your interpretation of the Constitution is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers said and he told this body that it cost approximately \$8000. I have figures that amount to around \$10,000, and this is not the cost to the state of defending this suit, and I imagine that this could be at least that much or more. And so I am asking this body, do we want to go through another court suit? Do we want to put out say another 15 or 20 thousand dollars in court costs and the hiring of attorneys for both sides? And so, therefore, I would ask you to oppose this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland.