

fact will be a detriment to the police catching them rather than helping the police catch them. We are talking about, you know, the old deterrent to crime and that by the thought of losing their property, they may not do that. Well, in fact, they may not be sure about this law and this seizure of property and they may, in fact, be encouraged to do that. So I think that it could actually be an adverse situation rather than a helpful one so this is a very important amendment to the bill and with it I think the bill would probably be in pretty good shape.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, Senator Beutler says this is a medieval concept but I tried to balance the bill with some modern concepts such as armor-piercing bullets, surface to air missile. No, I think he has a legitimate point here and certainly that was just kind of an extra little or big, medieval or modern penalty we threw in and I would go along with pulling this particular thing out. The balance of the bill has the four elements I think that law enforcement needs and that I think will help address the chase problem, strict penalties, knowledge of those penalties because you are not even going to get a license without knowing that those or that fleeing to avoid arrest is a serious offense and what the penalties are, directions to the law enforcement to come up with their written plans, and as I say, they accept all these things. I would agree to take out this one element to accommodate Senator Beutler and Wesely and those that think I have retreated to medieval times and the Constitution, what the heck.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I feel as strongly about this issue as I do the death penalty because high speed chases are war against the young people of this country and Senator DeCamp knows it better than anybody else. I think this bill of his is a copout. He ought to be ashamed of it because he, more than anybody besides myself, has sat on these committees. I have articles where he said that there has to be stringent regulation of these chases, not just by taking the license from the child or taking the automobile. He knows that is not going to accomplish anything. He used to be a member of the Judiciary Committee when it was a committee that had more understanding and knowledge of what the law ought to be. Senator DeCamp, we are in the medieval days in this Legislature as far as attitude and you know it. You should feel a responsibility to help me bring this body into the 20th Century and so should every other