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killed one in Council Bluffs in a high-speed chase. He was directing traffic. The one being chased missed the officer. The Omaha Police cruiser ran over him and killed him and the individual, when he was finally apprehended, was fined \$20 and the city had to pay over a hundred thousand dollars and that is what you call good law enforcement? What is achieved by creating this havoc on the highways because somebody had an expired safety sticker, a tail-light out or a suspended driver's license or because the cop just wants to talk to him about something, because in some of these cases there was no reason that the officer had for going after the person in the first place? I certainly am for what Senator Beutler is trying to do.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I will tell you why I am going to vote against it and this will make the rest of you vote for it. I have to treat you like wayward children and that is what I am going to do. If it stays in the bill it is unconstitutional so I am going to vote against it. Now that will make everyone of you vote for it and maybe that is the way the whole bill is going to have to be dealt with and I do feel extremely bitter about the way the Legislature has played with this issue and I feel very bitter about the way Senator DeCamp has dealt with the issue. This is a serious problem and it is not just in Omaha. They are killing children in the rural areas, too. So we can see that as not just big city parents who don't love their children. It is you rural Senators who don't care either and I am going to keep dealing with the issue every year. I am going to bring it back and I am going to say the same thing. Hopefully more children will be killed in the meantime. Hopefully a few more officers will be killed. Then finally you will understand the words of that song, "How many deaths will it take till you know that too many people have died?" What will it take? So, Senator Beutler, I am going to vote against your amendment because my vote against it is part of an overall strategy to defeat the whole bill.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair would like to introduce some 66 eighth grade students and 9 adults from Our Lady of Lourdes in Omaha from Senator Higgins' District, and as I understand, they are also gallery guests of Senator Labeledz, both Senator Labeledz and Senator Higgins. They are up here in the North balcony. Mrs. Marianne Bonnemier, Mrs. Beverly Johnson, Ms. Sue Wiley, Sister Marietta, Mrs. Rose Pope are teachers. They are up here. Would you welcome the eighth grade students and the nine adults from Our Lady of Lourdes, Omaha. Welcome! We have also in the

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