

red and white but in whatever combination the red flashing light means law enforcement to everybody. I don't think that you should break that up and fragment it and allow different devices to be used in different parts of the state. Now if you are going to mandate that every police vehicle use flashing blue or rotating blue or rotating flashing blue and white, whatever combination, but all of them have to use it, that would be then a different policy matter. It would simply be whether you think blue is more effective than red but to have different symbols to signify law enforcement in one state I think is a mistake. So if anything at all, the situation should remain as it is or you should mandate the blue for everybody throughout the state. However, since the whole bill arose from a relatively small city, I think there might have been an opportunity or a chance for somebody who produces these lights to try to persuade the local agency to adopt them. I did not vote for the bill in committee. I can't vote for it on the floor because I think that whatever you have to designate law enforcement it should be the same throughout the state. I believe that the red light is found on those border patrol cars with the red bulbs that are flat on the top. There are some pointed red bulbs that are found on top of the cars that enforce the truck regulations. The State Patrol has the circling red lights. The sheriffs division, the local police have some combination including the red. So I think this bill is not well-advised for the Legislature to pass. For those reasons, there is no way I could support it and I would suggest that you not support it either.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, a question of Senator Nichol, if he would yield.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Nichol, beyond the personal opinions of law enforcement agencies in Nebraska that have blue lights. Is there any sort of information or research or studies from like National Highway Safety or anything like that to indicate that people do respond more to blue lights than red lights? Was there any sort of documentation rather than just casual opinion?

SENATOR NICHOL: I am not aware of those personally. I am only repeating what people who testified said and I don't know that that is true.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. Mr. President, I guess it would seem that in an area of safety such as this that more than personal