

whim should be the foundation for a decision and that perhaps it is incumbent on those who want this change to somehow indicate that moving to blue lights is the better system or having a variety of lights on emergency vehicles is the better system somehow in terms of public attention, but in terms, I guess I could say that if I saw flashing blue lights I would have no idea really what impact or meaning they would have because it is not a convention. It is not something in use and I just can't understand why we would make this change, run the risk of lack of public knowledge of what is going on, why in fact there is any need for this change without some sort of documentation and foundation. If the Fire Departments come in and want to use blue lights. I would ask that the same thing, there be some sort of study and justification, not just that someone has a pair of blue lights and likes them. So I think until there is more foundation, I don't think this change needs to be made. I think it is just kind of cluttering the legislative process and I think we run major risks of having to justify why we made this change when in fact we have absolutely no documentation that this improves in any way law enforcement, safety, public health or anything else. So I would oppose advancing this bill at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, I was going to say exactly the same thing that Senator Chambers said. Historically red has always meant "stop", no matter if it is moving or a sign along the road, red always means "stop" and we understand that. Now unless there is a uniformity, I could see nothing but there might be confusion. Now does blue mean you stop if you want to, if you don't want to, go ahead? I don't know. It seems to me we do need uniformity. I can't understand why some law enforcement vehicles should use a blue rotating light or flashing light and others use a red. I think it would be nothing but a state of total misunderstanding and I feel if we are going to go on this far, let's go all the way. I repeat what Senator Chambers had to say.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I also rise in opposition to LB 597. I would like to call your attention to one additional factor. Senator Kremer and others here have referred to the fact that red has always been "stop". We don't need to add to the confusion. Those of us who travel a great deal recognize that red indicates law enforcement and we ought to recognize that anything that we do to dilute that authority is not going to