

local subdivisions to replace their lights and in the opposite, if the blue lights were optional, it would just confuse people. Well, LB 416 is permissive so there should not be any concern over cost. Since so many law enforcement agencies are already using blue lights without confusion, I think we should simply legalize their activities. Thank you. I ask you for your support of LB 416.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know what unkind fate contrived to bring all of these bills together on this morning and why they couldn't have been brought up yesterday when the inclement weather and the slippery highway kept me away from the Legislature, but nevertheless...

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Maybe it's because it's Valentine's Day.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ohhh, right. At any rate, this is one of those bills that I have always opposed. I have opposed it because I think there should not be a plethora of different ways to identify law enforcement representatives. If you're going to add blue lights, then you may as well have any kind of flashing light that anybody wants, then the citizen just has to take a chance and hope that the vehicle with the flashing light approaching them is a law enforcement vehicle and that they are being approached for a legitimate reason. In Iowa, to try to catch speeders, they were using old trucks and other vehicles along the highway, but the nefarious element of the population caught on very quickly and began to pull women motorists over and they would do very bad things to them so it reached the point where women not only were not stopping, but they were advised not to stop unless it was a clearly marked law enforcement vehicle. In Omaha and other cities, I presume, there are various types of security outfits. They drive cars that approximate the appearance of law enforcement vehicles as much as possible. In Omaha I don't believe that they can use flashing red lights if they are private security. Senator Chizek just shook, no, they cannot. So, if you see one of these cars, you can identify it as not being law enforcement because of that feature if no other one. These various agencies that