

the same rules that apply that are over there. We can do that. And if that helps us cut down the domestic abuse on the repetitive domestic abuse because it increases the number of arrests, then so be it, then so be it. I really fail to see the heart of what Senator Chambers is driving at. I can't really feel that that is the real issue. I think there has to be something else that is driving the opposition. There has to be something more than simply, geez, somewhere else over here in the codes it says we can do that. One of the things I'd like to point out again is part of the section says on domestic violence, the misdemeanor committed in front or in face of the officer at the scene, and that's confusing, because if it's not done in front of the officer, then they wonder if they can arrest or not. We are clarifying. We are saying, hey, there are other sections out there and we're just letting you know that you can do that. You can arrest in threatening manners and if you feel they have threatened, a threat occurs or is going to occur, you can do that, it is okay. It's a small thing to do and it is something this Legislature can do, and Senator Chambers is right, it may have no effect whatsoever. I can honestly tell you it will have no bad effects, I can honestly tell you that, but I suspect it may have some good effects. In those areas there are people, counties attorneys and police officers, and by the way, Senator Nelson, if you're listening, the Police Officers Association represents a heck of a lot more than your one county sheriff, I'm sorry. If the Police Officer Association throughout the State of Nebraska and county attorneys throughout the State of Nebraska, if some of them are saying we have a problem, then I think this type of legislation, though some may say not needed, this type of legislation will, in fact, be a positive thing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I heard it before in this body. I hesitate to say it because I don't particularly like the argument. I heard it on LB 70 when we posted the sign. We said if we can help one, and maybe that is the argument that I should say here, if we can help one, ten or fifteen, I think the bill can help. I know the bill cannot hurt and I think it's a logical step to do for the Legislature to help the law enforcement people in the field who say to us, we think we're the ones in the area, we're the ones in the trenches, we're the ones putting our lives, we're the ones that have to live with the decisions of what we make, whether we arrest or not and the