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about how well others are exercising their expertise. I cannot for the life of me understand why people would advise the Governor to not reappoint Dennis Carlson. When you see so many people leaving the city and leaving positions on their own, people about whom questions have been raised, and then you see those who have been trying to investigate taken off the case, I don't think it is unreasonable to have questions in your mind as to why that happens. There is a police officer named Chris Carmean who was investigating some of these charges through the Omaha Police Department and he was taken off the case. Then there were suggestions made that he was somehow mentally unstable or going through some kind of psychological stress period to discredit him, and he had declared that the witness he talked to was credible and that there should have been a further investigation which was not done by the Omaha Police Division. At that time, Robert Wadman was the Chief. Now we come to Dennis Carlson, a man who was literally "on the case".

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And he was taken off the case also. Senator Crosby and others can say all they choose that there is nothing suspicious here, that nobody ought to be suspicious, but I am, and there have been a number of instances, both when I was a member of the Franklin Committee and since I have been off, that the suspicions that I had and the positions and opinions that I would express, as a result of those suspicions have resulted in some type of action that should have been taken but was not being taken. I express suspicion again and my negative vote is to make it crystal-clear that I cannot participate in activities that to me smack of an attempt to weaken the effort to find out all that there is to be known and that should be known and should be made public about how youngsters in state foster care are being treated or mistreated.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, you are next but may I make a couple of introductions here first. Senator Dierks has a guest under the north balcony. He is Leon McCoy of Neligh, Nebraska who serves on the Economic Forecasting Board. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. And over in the same area, we have our doctor of the day who is a guest of Senator Scott Moore. He is Dr. Clarence Davis of Osceola, Nebraska. Would you please stand, Dr. Davis, and we thank you for your services for today. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Schmit.