

not going to be offended that nobody else votes no. And I'm not speaking as I am to try to encourage people to vote no. I have to get my position clearly into the record. I think we are witnessing a sham in terms of the Douglas County grand jury. A lot of information can be locked up in that grand jury and no longer be available, even to the Franklin Committee. Confidentiality can be the hiding place, whereas currently just lack of concern, or an attempt to cover up and shield certain people. I still believe that there is a designed cover-up and an attempt to protect certain perpetrators. And until I see the media deal with this issue as they've dealt with others, I believe they're part of it. It's not happening in Lincoln, but I think the Journal has restrictions on what's going to be reported, and I think the Star does, too. And we all know this,...

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SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it's obvious. This legislation, I don't think, is going to make that much difference in terms of what is done. When there was a bill before us last year to extend the statute of limitations on certain sex crimes, I didn't support it, and there was not the direct pressure on that bill that there is now for passage. I'm not going to be able to support this bill. I can understand what the committee is attempting to do, and they still have faith in the system and in the prosecutors. But I can just see what Judge Van Pelt did. Now, when I was a child, if you did this, then people wanted to spank you. Senator Labedz, this isn't at you. But, if you did that, you got a spankin'. This is what Judge Van Pelt is doing. When he thinks that some unimportant hearing with the Health Department is more important than his duties with the grand jury...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then I think he is doing just what I did.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Baack, on the advancement of LB 1246.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Madam Chair and colleagues, as a member of the Franklin Committee I feel that I must get up and at least