

Somebody would move to have it enjoined. And the court would let those who are opposed to the injunction argue and squabble about it and have their day in court, then simply refer to the decision that has already been handed down and that existing opinion by the court will be the precedent for striking down this law that is a practical mirror image of what has already been stricken down. Then those who want the law can seek to have it appealed. And what's the difference between that and where we are now? It's a waste of time, but the time which the Legislature has is available to the Legislature to spend as it sees fit or to squander it as it sees fit. The power, the plenary power to pass laws is reposed in the Legislature by the Constitution. There is nothing in that Constitution that requires us to do anything except meet at certain times and if we undertake to offer legislation, tells us how we have got to write the form of the bills. But that Constitution does not say we have to be learned. It does not say we have to be intelligent. It does not say we have to be wise. It does not say we have to be honest. It does not say we have to be truthful. All it says, basically, is that we have to be a certain age at a minimum, live in the district for a certain period of time that we propose to represent, thank you, Senator Hall,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and be outside the penitentiary and then you're qualified to be where we are and wield that awesome power which is susceptible to misuse. It means that we have the power in the face or in the teeth of logic to enact again a law that currently is in the status of being unconstitutional in this state and that is, as a matter of fact, what we're embarked upon doing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, please, followed by Senators Nelson and Hall.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I got my shoes off but that's not meaning that I'm giving up. I just wanted you to know that you mentioned that you don't care if we're here all night and neither do I. The Nebraska Coalition for Life has their state convention and usually there's about four or five hundred people that will be here tomorrow, including myself, so if I have to stand here all night with you, I will do it. That's all I have to say.