

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. It's a new concept to me and I was trying to get some information. But, in all seriousness, I look at the first "Whereas" and it says, Nebraska is dedicated to economic development and expansion of commerce. That would be more correct if it said economic development in certain sectors of the economy and certain geographic locations because I'm handing around two articles on the same sheet where one is very large that talks about the flourishing economy that's benefiting all areas of this state but an article, a smaller one, and the same picture that talks about rural Nebraska being worse off than it's ever been, the businesses that are going bankrupt, so, again, we're being sold a bill of goods. And I know in my district where black people live and some poor white people, we have not gotten jobs. There is no flourishing economy for us. So, again, the political posturing that is designed to create an impression for certain individuals but it only generates and foment much greater and deep-seated bitterness because there is all of this talk about the jobs, the improved economy, but there are no jobs where they are needed. There is no hope for the for the economies in the rural areas and then the Legislature will come together for the purposes we have in mind and disregard all of these realities...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and engage in additional conduct that is not proper. So I'm going to ask Senator Conway a question. Would it be against your wishes, and if it is, I will not pursue it, if I added the words in the first "Whereas" so that we would come up with a statement like this, "Nebraska is dedicated to economic development and expansion of commerce in certain sectors of the economy and in certain geographical locations of the state"?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Senator Chambers, I guess I would resist that because I'm not sure that our dedication, our end result, in many cases, I may not argue with you that that happens, I think our dedication though is for economic development and I guess I would have to argue somewhat with the rural communities. I represent a rural community that is also flourishing in an economic development arena. So, I mean, you're right, there are isolated areas and there may be a lot of isolated areas that the