

SENATOR MORRISSEY: But we can't restrict the freedoms that this country is built on and founded on; to do that, is truly their moral act. I'd urge you to defeat the motion and not pull LR 10 from committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of LR 10. I feel very strongly, as a member for 45 years of the VFW Auxiliary and my husband being a quartermaster for 45 years, and the respect that our family has shown for the American flag. Senator Chambers, I would also stand and support anyone that brought a resolution forward to prohibit the burning of the crucifix, as we do in many, many states. I haven't heard of it in the State of Nebraska, but every time I read that in the newspaper I get violently angry. I also am opposed and aghast at a lot of graffiti in the State of Nebraska, especially in the City of Omaha. I know that's against the law because it is a destruction of property. I look at the newspaper and I'm even against some of the cartoons they print. The one the other day of me walking with a hatchet and the four or five Pilgrims walking behind me, but that doesn't mean I can stop the newspaper from printing some cartoons. But when you feel as strongly as someone that had her first-born child while her husband was overseas in Europe fighting in World War II and as close to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and there is a lot of support out there, believe me, on what Senator Hefner is trying to do and we're just trying to communicate with the members of Congress. Call it what you may, whether it's a symbol or the way you feel. I know if you steal my flag, that's a crime because that flag is mine and that is theft. But if you burn the flag, I can get as angry as anyone else and I get even more angry when I watch it on television and somebody is burning a crucifix. I would not want to see that happen in the State of Nebraska and, hopefully, it never does. Maybe it has and I haven't heard about it but, to me, I think both of those are atrocious, I would say, a crime, but unfortunately it is not a crime but we can let our...right now, we can let our feelings known to Congress on how we feel about it. And I would like to have Senator Chambers tell me how he feels about the burning of the crucifix. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Chambers, you're next.