

things, rights that are supposed to be sacred in this country can be blown away like dust off the top of a piano. But some of us don't agree with that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I see this as a nefarious piece of legislation, and I'm opposed to it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I have tried to take this all in, and it's difficult for anyone to not favor this legislation 100 percent. But let me tell you I voted with Senator Lindsay. And I think that every one of us can go back home, or we can think of, I'll use as an example, children are taken away from families with no explanation at all, their parental rights, by the social services. Ninety percent of the time the social services are probably right. But some of these cases are really, really, you feel terribly sorry for the parents, they are not even really given an explanation why or what. I look at this almost as the same thing. We now have a county attorney in Grand Island that does not allow plea bargaining, they tell me. So what has happened? And this...I'm down here, but this is the stories that I'm hearing. Actually the cops are sitting out. We have had, and this came from a judge, we have had more arrests for DWI in Grand Island than in Lincoln, Nebraska. There is a considerable difference in the population. And I...I...the...they are telling me that conventions are leaving Grand Island, business people are getting tired of it, and I don't know, maybe it's gone too far for a person to be tried and convicted before a fair trial or fair reasoning. I would be the last one not to try to get someone drunk off the road. We've all had problems in our families, or we know some place. But I tell you when we start enacting legislation that maybe goes too far, I took a survey last year in my area, should we go to .08 or .10. It was almost exactly 50 percent. But I'm telling you that Senator Lindsay makes a good impression on me that maybe we have given too much. And for a person of the Motor Vehicles Department, or be it Social Services, or be whatever agency that they are to have no recourse, that really bothers me. But this is the experience in Grand Island now. I commend the county attorney, she's adhering to the law as she should. But it's very easy for anyone to get arrested. And the cops can just sit out about anywhere and you've had it.