

bill is enacted or if it is not enacted, it will not change the liability of the owner. But if it is enacted, if the (laugh)...this is a dog-day afternoon. Again, you all don't get to see what I had passed to me, but Senator Nelson or that may have been Senator Chizek tried to speak dog but he doesn't do that well. I think it's significant that we not pass this bill. If you pass it, it's not going to help the person for whom it was brought. If we pass it, it will say that we think the owner should be liable under any and all circumstances, which is a position with which I disagree. If you enact it, I don't think any great amount of harm is going to be done because perhaps nobody will try to make an owner liable under the circumstances that I described, but I just hate to see a situation arise where a piece of legislation is brought to us embodying current law and we see that the current law is inappropriate. Had Senator Schrock prevailed on the people who were lobbying this bill to go with their amendments, we could have dealt with this situation. They did not want to amend the law. I repeat, they did not want to amend the law to make more equitable the circumstances under which an owner would be liable. My final comment on this and it goes back to that where I opened. There was a guy talking about whether human beings or dogs are the smartest and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..the guy who he was talking to thought that human beings were the smartest and the one who thought the dogs were smartest did say the dog can understand English, can you understand "dog"? And the answer's obvious, the dog can understand English, but people cannot understand "dog". But when we're dealing with an issue that we have before us today, we are talking about not only what is common sense but what is fair and equitable, so I hope you will vote to return this bill to Select File and that's all that I will have to say on it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I don't want to dog the issue nor hound the members of the Legislature...

(LAUGHTER AND GROANS)

SENATOR COORDSEN: ..into passing this bill. Senator Chambers