

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it would be good if everybody in this body were either a lawyer or trained in the law. Senator Matzke has not properly represented what this bill does in terms of allowing an aggrieved person to file a lawsuit. When you create a cause of action, the language creating the cause of action contains the limitation on that cause of action. Just because it says that an aggrieved person can file a lawsuit in district court and recover damages does not mean that that entitles any person to file any kind of lawsuit. The limiting language is contained in the provision that creates the cause of action. That is so basic that they don't even teach that in law school because they expect that when you read it you will understand it. In these bills where you want to allow injunctive relief, you provide for injunctive relief. If that were an automatic attachment to every law that is enacted, it would never be necessary to state it. Senator Elmer has a hunter harassment bill in which he wants to try to contrive a method allowing for injunctive relief, and it has to be written into the bill. So Senator Matzke is incorrect in what he said about that. But a reason that I have for not getting involved and locked up in all that is because the human problems are the ones that must be confronted in the cities. Those are the problems that Senator Matzke has no answer for. I would like to ask Senator Matzke a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, do you believe that the information contained in those World-Herald articles would be basically accurate and they reflected the conditions as they exist at the time the article was written?

SENATOR MATZKE: I don't have any personal knowledge but I assume that a responsible newspaper like that would not have published those stories if they had not been accurate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you think the companies, who engage in those practices, engage in those practices?

SENATOR MATZKE: I am not interested in defending those companies at all. That isn't the issue here.