

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is a bad bill, it's very, very bad legislative policy. When we were talking about the max...the Micron bills, I had mentioned at the federal level what they were doing in this area with reference to takings of property. But I was trying to make a point which is different from what this bill is attempting to do. This makes no sense whatsoever. Senator Beutler touched on it by mentioning other very important areas of the constitution which could be affected by a rule or regulation. It's a mistake for the Legislature to begin itemizing in this manner. What it opens the door for is to say that, as Senator Beutler pointed out, I think freedom of speech is an important issue, somebody else thinks freedom of religion. Somebody might even be broad enough in their view to want to insure that freedom of the press is protected and maintained. So if we turn the Attorney General's review into a type of examination of a laundry list of items, whatever is not mentioned generally, at law, is considered to be excluded. There is nothing that this will add to Nebraska's law which is of value. But what it does is undertake an attempt at the state level, once again, to do what the "Repelicans" are doing at the national level. Every time they come up with a crack-brained notion at the federal level, somebody, and I'm not saying my colleagues are crack-brained, I'm not saying that, that presumes evidence not in the record. But at any rate, this is not what the Legislature should be about. A lot of those posturings at the federal level are just that, they are done for political purposes, for political effect, and it's acknowledged by many of these "Repelicans" even in the House, at the federal level, that the Senate is expected to be the savior. And a lot of this nonsensical stuff that flies through the House will be caught in a net by members of the Senate and given an appropriate disposal. It may have been Alexander Hamilton, maybe John Adams, one of those old fellows, when they were talking about putting together this government, when they were discussing the respective roles of the House and the Senate. I think George Washington or one of them had a cup of coffee and poured coffee onto the saucer, and the person with whom he was talking asked, why did you do that? He said, well I poured the coffee onto the saucer in order that it might cool before I drink it. And the person explained to Washington, or Washington explained to the person, your memory gets a little clouded after all these years, but I was listening and I thought it was a good point. The hot coffee of House legislation will be poured onto the deliberative senatorial saucer to cool, meaning that the Senate is deemed to be a more deliberative,