

changing the policy, so I voted to indefinitely postpone both of the bills. Now, in the past, I've been supportive and I hope that I can be supportive in the future on these issues because I think that it is a serious problem. It's an issue really that if you look at the numbers, they really deal with the City of Omaha. Now I...and I would like to take my hat off to Senator Maurstad. He's worked very hard. He's discussed this issue, these issues with the committee and he's worked very hard and very diligent towards finding a solution to the issue of police pursuits. And I think he will, hopefully, next year. But I don't think that this is the bill to accomplish the goals that the supporters said that they would actually do. It's a problem, as I said, in the City of Omaha. Senator Lindsay had some numbers there that he cited as far as how it affects the State of Nebraska and you might recall there was no issue dealing with police pursuit in the claims bill this year. I can't recall that there was the last two years that we've had claims bills. It's been a very minimal number when it comes to the State of Nebraska and I don't know if it's a problem out in other communities, high-speed police pursuit liability cases. Maybe it's a problem in Beatrice. I haven't heard about it. But it's very confined as to where the problem is. And I think that there may be a way to deal with this issue but the proposal that's been brought in doesn't, in my opinion, qualify as a solution to the problem. And I think probably next year we should deal with it again. We'll have another hearing on it. We'll certainly...certainly there is support for it. I felt, in the committee, as I said, when I was going in there, I really wanted to vote for the bill, but it just wasn't in the form that I felt that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ABBODD: ...that would solve the problem. So I'm going to go ahead, I'm going to support the committee at this time. That doesn't mean that I always support the decisions of the Judiciary Committee. Sometimes we get with some very highly controversial issues and I don't agree with all the members, but in this instance, after listening to the testimony, reviewing the bill, I'm going to support the committee and vote to keep the bill in the committee with the thought that this issue will be around next year to be debated. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.