

liability for the municipalities or the law enforcement agencies. I want to reiterate what we're talking about here is a different reimbursement mechanism. I understand that percentagewise the City of Omaha, because of having a statewide paper, police chases and pursuits have a higher profile, but this is not just an Omaha issue. This occurs all across the State of Nebraska. Law enforcement across the State of Nebraska are concerned about this issue. They do happen elsewhere, in fact, coincidentally, one happened in Peatrice Sunday evening. And once the police were able to identify the individual, they...the sergeant called off the pursuit and the individual then went out, left town. The county and the State Patrol happened to pick up the individual as driving erratically and engaged in a second pursuit which ended up finally back in town. Fortunately, no...it was late at night and no one was hurt and no damages. But pursuits occur, and we need to have reasonable policies in place that will allow law enforcement to do their job so that we can have safe communities. The testimony, there isn't any question, the testimony that occurred before the Judiciary Committee was enlightening. You know, I think I've got a pretty good grasp on this issue but even at times I became confused with it. We were...the Judiciary Committee, for obvious reasons, and once again I want to clarify, I do not have a bone to pick with the Judiciary Committee, they have a lot of work to do. They were hearing two bills at the same time. They both dealt with police pursuit but, in my opinion, they dealt with it in drastically different ways. Testimony that appeared came and addressed both bills at times, individual bills at times. They were bouncing back and forth between the two bills, so I think there was some, possibly some confusion. I think, in that, within my...the context of my bill, some of the goals of what we are trying to accomplish might have gotten...might have gotten lost. I understand that there is a process and that we can certainly introduce this bill before the Judiciary Committee again next year. My sense is that we would have a difficult time again next year in coming up with a product that a majority of the Judiciary Committee could be satisfied with. I feel this is the best chance for those people that would like to make some modifications in our pursuit policy. I believe that we have an opportunity to place this bill on General File, which means we can work on the bill and have it discussed on the floor of the Legislature without having to go back to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.