

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they could enact rules that would have a bearing on the legal and constitutional rights of citizens, couldn't they?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That would be correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in determining how courts are to proceed and how lawyers must dress and such things as that, they could infringe on some rights as certain people consider them to be rights in a way that they ought not.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: They could do dress codes for that, they might even put in a dress code for the Legislature. But that might be a separation of powers question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it definitely would, that would be even difficult for the Legislature to do. But we always know how to make exceptions. Thank you. I have some amendments that I'm going to offer because I know there are a lot of constitutional rights and legal rights that ought to be looked at by any agency. The Supreme Court might be undertaking the implementation or the adoption of some rule that could result in a possible taking. We don't know because we don't know what these words mean. So I want to be sure that if they're going to do this inspecting, with reference to property, we're going to have an itemization of the rights in the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution and various rights specified in the Nebraska Constitution, and various rights that are protected by statute. And I think they all should be given equal dignity and standing and these bureaucrats, I call them bureaucrats, but these bureaucrats who make these rules and don't think about the rights of the people, they're going to get some direction. And maybe none of the amendments will be adopted. Maybe the Legislature will show step by step, rejection by rejection that property rights are deemed to be more important than any other rights in this state. I want to be on record showing that I don't feel that way. There are some of the older settlers on the floor of this Legislature and some who are not so old but have read the history of the constitution who know that the slogan was to be life, liberty and property in the U.S....

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Constitution. Life, liberty and property, but it was deemed that to use the term property would somehow