

did not come to my attention until it was past the deadline for bill introduction. I do apologize for bringing this at Select File time. I discussed that with Senator Coordsen, and I apologize to him for the delay on his bill. With that, I would ask for your positive vote to overrule the Chair, and with whatever remaining time I have left, I would yield it to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, two minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Preister. Since this may be a part of a record, I want to point out that this is an issue which I feel is of constitutional proportion. The Constitution requires equal protection of the law, of the laws, plural. Nebraska has put in place a law which discriminates. The industry doing the discriminating is a state-regulated industry and Nebraska, through its Legislature, knows that the discriminating is occurring. It knows that citizens are treated disproportionately on an improper basis. As such, the state has an obligation to rectify that problem and is choosing by its affirmative action today to disregard this discrimination. I do intend, Senator Preister, to pursue this. I will talk to the U.S. Attorney. I will try to contact the Attorney General in Washington because they have shown a great interest in...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the discriminatory conduct of insurance companies, and I don't want anybody to come to me and say, well, we didn't think it was very serious. You know that it is serious. If it were not serious, the insurance industry would not be out there cracking the whip. It is a denial of equal protection of the law. It is the passage of the mandatory insurance law by the state that triggers and supports the discrimination. So there is state complicity. In my opinion, it violates the U.S. Constitution, and I do intend to pursue it. I hope, though, in the meantime, we will vote to overrule the Chair. Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet, I will ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Members, the house is under call. Unauthorized individuals, including daughters of senators, please leave the floor. Members, please