

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, because the problem..the Judiciary Committee did a study on that over the summer and found that a problem with motor vehicle theft is that the inability to prove...

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Abboud, your light is next.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, members, I will just add a couple more comments about this and we can move on. The...I don't think there's been a compelling argument shown as to why we need to make this change in our statute. There's no court case pending. There's no case that is out there that has stated that what the laws of the State of Nebraska have been in the past are somehow unconstitutional or unfair to our citizens, so I don't see a reason at this time to make a change in the law. In addition, I feel that this flies in the face of what the public's concern is and that is the use of weapons to commit violent crimes and anything we can do to discourage that type of behavior I feel we should try to through our statutes. So I'm going to be voting against the...this section of the...of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Lindsay, your light just went off. Senator Beutler, you are next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lindsay, could we continue the discussion a little bit?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Go ahead and tell me again why it is that...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, there's...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...merely entering the vehicle is a felony, whereas, entering it and then using it is a relatively minor offense.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Because you're...there is a...it's not just entering the vehicle. It is entering the vehicle with the intent to commit a felony. It's under...