

I hate to see you grinning over there, but you're right, I didn't want to put up with another eight hours of debate, 16 hours of debate, you know, Select File, Final Reading, we didn't have the time. We ran out of time. So I thought okay, well, Senator Lindsay says it's okay, but just in case I'm going to go and I'm going to ask the Attorney General if it's okay and I did. I asked him if it was okay and according to his opinion it is not okay to kill that A bill. We must, according to the language in this statute that you voted to pass two years ago that the Governor signed, proudly so, by reading his press release and talking about being fiscally responsible and dictating that, you know, this is what we should do. We have to pay for our policy decisions, all the other things in this press release. I disagreed with it then, but it was a dually enacted law in the State of Nebraska and whether you choose to ignore it or not is not the issue. It's law in this state and it's constitutional now because it hasn't been ruled unconstitutional now and if you pass 371 today in the State of Nebraska you are dooming it to be null and void under the language of statute 5129. We must have an A bill that does not contain appropriations for any other program. It must be enacted in the same legislative session, the same session, so if we will just vote not to advance 371 and we hold it here on Final Reading and we bring forward an A bill next session which we can very easily do, we will comply with 507 and we will enact 371 as it should be enacted according to 507 which is law in the State of Nebraska. I don't care if you want to ignore it, it's a law in the State of Nebraska and I'm a law abiding citizen as often as I can. Okay, once in a while I speed, in my car, coming to work, but other than that I try to be a very law abiding citizen and as a legislator how can you not pay attention to a law that you enacted? You can just say we're going to ignore this law because it doesn't suit our purposes to getting a crime bill through this year. Why not? Why aren't you complying with this law? I remember being amazed the first year I was here that Senator Withem in an education meeting kind of said the same thing, so what if we don't comply. What's going to happen he said, on this law? And I was stunned. It was like, but it's the law, you've got to comply with the law. That's how people feel before they get here anyway, that here, once you're here you just feel like it's a law we can change it...

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