

hand-picked commission all on his own, which he essentially has and is not happy with it this time so he's come to the Legislature to do it all again. You voted that down. You...traditionally, I hear from people a couple years ago on a sexual harassment bill, where are all these defenders that were there on that bill when I was standing here alone again trying to keep you from, from making it even more onerous for businesses here in the state of Nebraska. Now you're essentially handing over the agency that handles those types of complaints into a political atmosphere that would not only, I think, has the potential to do damage to, to businesses, and that's one of my objections, but to victims or individuals, you know, who might get caught in that, in that power play or that abuse of power. So I don't understand where, where all these people who were traditionally with these groups who opposed this bill are completely silent here on the floor of the Legislature, no defense whatsoever except coming from Senator Chambers and I get a little tired of you people depending on him to, to carry your water and he's always accusing me of carrying water for people, but he carries an awful lot of water for people who are, for some reason or another, not up here on the floor defending this agency that, that defends all of those areas that they traditionally want to defend. And yet you don't hear a word from them. Why is that? Why can't you...if anybody can answer me a question why you're not up here defending the EEOC against this tremendously huge change that, that's going to be going on should this bill be adopted, I'm curious as to why this silence from, from individuals I would expect to hear something from. And the only thing that I draw from it is that this is something that's being done for their governor, they're doing it for their governor and he wants it done, he told everybody he could do it, he's out there, he's, you know, making phone calls, making sure it can be done, and it's...and he's, darn it, he's going to be right. He's going to be able to do it. But what I don't understand is we're supposed to be here to show some balance to this state. We're supposed to be here not as political people, but as a citizen Legislature. And this is a citizen's committee here, commission here. This is for the citizens of this state. It was initially put together for the citizens of this state to have some place to go for mediation for all of these causes instead of going directly into the court system, some place where they could go at the state level, not having to go...we funded it with millions of dollars in order to have it here and now you're going to destroy it. So I say instead of allowing it