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wasn't needed. This is not needed either. Senator Beutler talks about the process. Nebraskans have a perception, and it's a good perception in this regard of the Legislature...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...where there is not any real centralized power base. We don't have partisan politics in the Legislature because we don't want that power loyalty to some political party. We want independence of thoughts and Nebraskans like that idea. The parties don't, Nebraskans do. We don't have a strong, real strong Speaker because we don't want that type of authoritative government that is in Washington. We don't have strong committee chairs because we don't want that type of politics that they have in Washington and in other states. It is an ill wind that causes us to decide we need to perceptually change that and give more power. I don't think that's a good one. My final comment, Senator Beutler said committee chairs don't get together and put things together. Well, why not, Senator Beutler? Do it. You got the power now, you sit down with the Speaker and say let's have a committee chair meeting that you all have.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The committee chair meets with the Speaker; and if you haven't done it, then darn it do it. But you don't have to have some cover like this to do it. Just do the responsibility and get it done.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I completely understand what you mean when you say that it might be better if I didn't speak on some of these issues and it might be easier to achieve the result that we both want. However, I have to get some things clearly on the record. When I talk about contempt that is existent in this Statehouse for black people, I'm not just talking about the Legislature. People came all the way from Omaha to talk to your governor, he's not my governor, he's white people's governor, to talk to him about that NEOC bill. He was too busy to talk to them, wouldn't talk to them. Now of what