

we are doing and what it is we are to be about. I do not accept the Machiavellian model of the state where the individuals are to be sacrificed in order to strengthen the state. I believe that when an injustice has been done, corrective instrumentalities ought to be available. I'm sure that most of you have gotten calls from people...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you've had to tell them that even though what happened to you may not have been right, there is no remedy available in the law. As we create a law which makes it possible, and even likely, in my opinion, that innocent people will be harmed, we should build in a mechanism to correct that harm. Senator Witek's amendment is a giant step in that direction and I hope it will be adopted.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you very much. Senator Chambers, they didn't say how much more they like me than you though, so I wouldn't get to feeling too bad about it. I hope that the defeat of Senator Chambers' amendment does not mean the defeat of this amendment. I, and I also hope that everyone has a pretty good idea now, after all these hours of debate, about what 592 is doing. And the attempts that we have made to improve the bill, make it less bureaucratic, narrow it a little bit as to what you're actually doing to the individuals through the process. You hear all the time that it's working in other states. Why can't we go ahead and adopt this in Nebraska? Well, what I say is, I think what worked in other states was not this whole bureaucracy that you're creating here and with referees and hiring of new people and spending a couple hundred thousand more dollars a year. Once you hire these people, too, you have to understand they're going to be on the state payroll, we're going to be, you know, they're going to get retirement and we're going to get into those issues, too. So I guess I always think of the whole picture here when I'm giving this kind of piece of legislation to hire more people and add to the bureaucracy, I always want to see, is there another alternative? Is there something we could do first, try first, maybe just a slightly different approach that would have some affect on what we're trying to do and yet not create a whole new bureaucracy that could, you know, grow on its own as they tend to do. So