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said we've changed our policy. We have tried to reduce the number of high-speed chases. We've realized how serious this is. Why? Because this bill has been effect and yet from last year's hearing on the bill, on a similar bill, we heard that their policy had changed five times in the previous three years, I believe, trying to figure out what to do. The...Ron Lahners, I think some of you may remember, was a former U.S. Attorney, was a former Lancaster County Attorney,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...testified that when this came out, he along with probably everybody else around criticized Senator Chambers for bringing the bill because it was wrong. It would get rid of high-speed chases. We would have criminals roaming the streets free. What has happened is that high-speed chases, to some extent, there has been a downward pressure on them, try to make them a little bit more safe. The number of claims have not been enormous, in most cases, and if we look at the number and this was asked and he answered at the committee hearing, the city of Omaha has paid more in police overtime suits in the last five years than it has in these claims, by 50 percent more. What we talk about here is not the downfall of the city. What we talk about here is not going to end police chases. I support police chases. We need them at times, but when somebody gets injured because the police are trying to protect society, we should not be putting all the blame on that injured person. I would urge you to reject the motion and sustain the committee action.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Lindsay, your light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. I would yield it back to Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President. I have heard this bill a number of times, having served on that committee for quite some time, and I'm very empathetic to what Senator Maurstad is trying to do here. This is an issue, representing a portion of Omaha, this is an issue that certainly is something that's talked about with my constituency, and pursuits may not occur all that often in my particular district. They probably