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CLERK: Mr. President, I believe I'm now with Senator Beutler, AM3276, Senator. (See pages 875-76 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

CLERK: The one you provided me this morning, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, AM3276 I hope is before you now. It basically deals with the very...page 8, Section 11, of this particular bill. That particular section says that any person required to register under the act, who violates this act, is guilty of a Class IV felony. What the amendment says, and this parrots language that the system, actually, that pertains elsewhere to offenses, it adds the language, unless the act which caused the person to be placed on the register was a misdemeanor in which case a violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act shall be a crime of the same class or within the same penalty range as the original act. And I added the language, "or within the same penalty range" there to my original proposition simply because some of these offenses may be in other states that may have classification systems different from ours. So what I intended was that with respect to Nebraska offenses, it would be of the same class. And if it were an offense in another state, then it would be within the same penalty range, thereby avoiding, as we avoid in other sections of the law, making an act that's dependent on a first act, a greater offense than the first act itself. I think this puts it in, puts it all in better proportion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On the Beutler amendment, Senator Chambers is recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Beutler's amendment and one reason I'm not up to speed on this bill, and maybe some of my colleagues are in the same boat, including the introducer, I had thought that bills ahead of it would be considered and there'd be the opportunity to get caught up on exactly where we are. But the rationale for Senator Beutler's amendment is sound, I do support it. And although I don't want to hinder consideration of Senator Beutler's amendment, there is something that I've got to