

alluring, it looks good, but the aim is to make it as hard as possible for that innocent victim to recover. A \$1 million judgment is not going to bust Omaha. And you'll notice, Omaha is where most of these are happening, that's where the judgments have been obtained. And if you read those articles I gave you, the mayor of Omaha said, arrogantly, that he sees no need to change Omaha's policy. It's on page 10 of that one numbered Roman Numeral I. The mayor seeks relief for mounting costs of police chases. But the relief he seeks is from liability for the injury done to innocent parties and not because he intends to change the policy. I have shown you where there is no recovery possible from the fleeing driver, even when you get a judgment. And there is one article in here... I don't have the page number, but if you look through this number 1, on page 15, "Daub aide, Chase Policy Unlikely to Change." They're not going to change their policy, destroy property, injure third parties, kill innocent third parties, and we're not going to change the policy because we can throw a spit ball past the Legislature and do some mumbo jumbo with smoking mirrors and ace out the innocent third party. Senator Maurstad knows right now, and the city knows right now, that they can get judgments against the fleeing driver, so why even put that in the bill. To make it appear like something is being done, which in fact is not. They're trying to jump that third party through as many hoops as possible. I think it is unconscionable, I think it is immoral, and I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...think there is absolutely no justification for a Legislature to undo this victim rights bill that is working the way it is supposed to. The pinch is becoming severe enough for Omaha to talk about considering a change in their pursuit policy. They don't even have restrictions on chasing for traffic offenses. And if you look through all these articles, you'll see that deaths have actually occurred where the initiating incident was a traffic offense. Cops have crashed into each other, they have been injured, and all the types of things which shouldn't even have to be demonstrated here, just on the merits alone of making sure that the state doesn't cause harm to an innocent person should be enough for us to defeat LB 952.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.