

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, I don't know, Senator. I really... I don't know if the current rates would go down or not. The municipalities and the insurance company would be involved in this case because it would provide the opportunity for them to collect from sources that aren't available to them now.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Maurstad. That's all the questions I have. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, there's a minute and a half remaining.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. That's fine. And Madam Lieutenant Governor, I just want to keep driving the same point home over and over again. This bill before us now is designed to harm the welfare of innocent victims, victims of a state-approved, state-enforced policy, a practice. For my part, there wouldn't be high-speed chases, but that is never going to come about. These cities can say all they want to, we have in place these various policies. But we have a dead teenage girl, we have officers driving at break-neck speed, up and down country roads, in darkness, which they should not do considering their own safety and the vehicle which is state property. But some of the articles that I gave you talked about the surge of adrenaline that these officers feel, the cowboy mentality, the machismo spirit of not letting somebody get away, and it reduces itself to a drag race, one trying to get away, the other trying to catch. So if the driver fleeing is a fool, you multiply that foolishness exponentially by the number of cops chasing. Why is a policy like that acceptable?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I waive off.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, I was not going to get into this, but I...that does raise a question, the remarks that Senator Chambers just made, referring to the one that's on the paper today. If we're going to crack down on drunken