

it occurs? Because we read on the front page of this morning's paper that a sixteen-year-old girl was killed during one. We read on the front page of the paper over the past several months of different accidents which have occurred as a result of police chases. We know they occur. And we know there are some that don't end in accidents. And we're simply lucky that those occur, that they don't end in accidents. So we know the police...we know that the police chases occur. The question is, are we comfortable, as a state Legislature, are we comfortable with taking away the only...the only downward pressure on the numbers of police chases? Are we comfortable seeing those headlines of people killed or injured in police chases occurring more frequently in our papers? Are we comfortable with high-speed chases through our own small quite little towns? Are we comfortable, as Senator Bohlke mentioned, with high-speed vehicles ending up in our front yard, feet away from...just a few feet away from where our children are playing? If we're comfortable with that, then we want to pass the bill; then we want to remove that and make that a policy of the state, that there's going to be little or no downward pressure on those. The second policy argument, which is...which has run through everything I've talked about, is that where society benefits from an action of the state. Society ought to bear the burden when that action goes awry. Rather than having an individual sitting at a stop sign, just happens to be at the wrong intersection at the wrong time, or a child playing in her yard at the wrong time of day, should that person bear the brunt of a high-speed chase? Or should that be spread among society? And I think the wise public policy is where that necessary evil occurs, society, as a whole, ought to bear that cost, and we shouldn't put that on one individual and take away their legs, take away all of their assets, and take away their dignity. I would urge that the bracket motion be adopted.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to oppose the bracket motion. As obvious, I have, and would ask the membership to oppose the bracket motion. I think, like other bills that are of this particular character, there is a time when there needs to be work done, as evidenced by the...by the discussion. There are amendments that have been filed to try to put the bill in better position, good faith attempts to try to make the...the bill more appropriate. There's also efforts