

you voted to move a bill that, number one, would greatly help our law enforcement agencies fight crime; two, would be of no additional cost to taxpayers; and you could tell your constituents that you voted to give law enforcement officers in Nebraska an investigation tool that every other law enforcement officer in this country already has. In closing, I ask for your support on the motion to place LB 943 on General File.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. I would like to, at this time, recognize some guests of the Legislature. And Senator Coordsen, who is stepping out on the floor so he can wave at his constituents, 96 fourth graders from Crete Public Schools, along with their teachers. They are in the north balcony. Could you all stand and be recognized please. For discussion on the motion, Senators Chambers, Hudkins, Lindsay, and Bromm. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I handed a case out to all of you this morning. It was handed down in 1994 and it is a Nebraska case. I gave it to you so you can see how this kind of con...this kind of activity is conducted. A young woman was ensnared in this system by being approached by a snitch, who had her to make a purchase of marijuana and a state trooper was involved. Once they had her ensnared, they told her we are going to get you with a very high level felony unless you agree to do some snitching for us. That's what happened when they wound up taking her to the sheriff's office without counsel and told her if she didn't sign an agreement to snitch for them, she would go to jail that night. Without counsel, she signed the agreement. She did some snitching. She wore a wire. Every time she would make a sale, she would have to be strip-searched before and after. She helped them get at least two convictions of dealers. This puts you in danger. After she had made one deal, they wanted her to go right back a short time later and she was reluctant to do it because she said the first time I went they were skeptical, so I don't want to go back again. So after she had done an amount of snitching, then she got afraid, as any sensible person would. The trooper told her, okay, we don't need you anymore, then they hit her with the original felony. The agreement had been that they would give her a reduced charge to which she could plead guilty. The rest of...that's just an outline, you can read the case and I marked it in places. What the court said after it reviewed the amount of work she had done in snitching, the