

use as co-conspirators and accomplices because, in effect, the law has created a law...the Legislature has created a law that allows criminals to obtain immunity while committing crimes against law-abiding Nebraskans. No other state or federal jurisdiction has a law like this that excludes this type of evidence. Nebraska is alone in offering a protection to criminals that allows them to further their illegal activities. And as Senator Stuhr said, the people of Nebraska have made it clear that reducing crime should be a goal of their government. Supporting LB 943 would send a clear message that the Legislature's priority is not to assist those who engage in criminal conduct, but rather to support the pursuit of justice and the protection of the rights of the citizens. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in opposition to the motion, and I want to first give background of, although we've been through this one round earlier, background on what the committee did. The committee took action to kill the bill for a variety of reasons. I know Senator Pedersen is going to give his indications which are, or his reasons which are, I think, indicative of concerns that many members of the committee had, and that is the concern about...about kids being used as informants, and the enormous pressure that that badge already comes...can bring down upon a child and added with that the ability to make threats as far as where they are going to end up staying. And I think Senator Chambers, the case Senator Chambers passed out, and all he did was reprint the copy of a printed case which occurred here in Nebraska, tells you that this does occur. Look at that agreement. When a court says that this agreement is so bad that a good argument can be made that it violates the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, that tells you that they are coming down pretty severely. But the case that's being talked about, the 16-year-old girl who was violated and the police and the county attorney saying we can't do anything about it, I think is just plain dead wrong. And in...the deputy county attorney who testified at the committee, I think anybody who reads the committee testimony will find that it's clear that they did not act properly. More importantly, the guy was prosecuted, the guy was arrested, the guy was punished. All right, maybe it hasn't gone to trial yet, but the guy, every thing that they wanted to do has occurred. Because what did