

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I think stinginess is going to rescue me on this one, not principle, not concern about how we're going to fight crime, whether we're ever going to get at the root causes of it, but the dollar sign. And such being the case I'm not going to waste my arguments that I intend to give and subject the Legislature to. There are some things that I'd like to get into the record, so when it's transcribed I can get copies and send it around to people to show how things are done in the Nebraska Legislature, how the problems of racism are brought to the Legislature, documented, and the Legislature chooses to do nothing about it. Then when we do have to go to the Justice Department to raise issues about the racism in the judicial system, in the criminal justice system, and even in the way the Legislature operates, the documentation comes from that record which is produced by the Legislature itself. So I'm grateful that Senator Maurstad has a streak of stinginess. I'm glad that Senator Wehrbein's stinginess is manifesting itself, and I hope the others on this floor who will bring issues that are going to cost money in order to be carried out, may begin to think in terms of where that money will come from. Another thing I'd like to get in the record is going to require me to get some help from Senator Warner. Senator Warner, if I can pull you away from learned counsel, I'd like to ask you a question or two about the property tax issue.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Warner, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR WARNER: I'll try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, should lids be placed on how much property tax can be levied by the political subdivisions? If they wind up with less money as a result, where do they expect to get the money from to make up what they will no longer derive from property tax?

SENATOR WARNER: It would be a combination of those things that they can do to become a cost-effective, or reduce their costs. In addition, there will be those things, services that the state takes over, such as some of the legislation we have pending, plus additional state aid, three choices.