

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I believe that AM3966 provides a process that has the potential to reduce the financial cost to government units without, and this is very important, without reducing the recovery for damages incurred by the innocent third party. Adopting AM3966 would allow state and local government to better manage their fiscal responsibility by providing clearer direction in existing statute when multiple law enforcement agencies are involved in a vehicular pursuit. In addition, by requiring all responsible parties to be accountable for their financial obligation, the exposure to the state and public entities across Nebraska is decreased without negative consequences to the innocent third party. With that, Madam President, I would move for the adoption of AM3966.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad, may I interrupt just one...? You did have more. I'm sorry, I thought you only had five minutes. You do have ten minutes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: You have another five if you want it.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Finally, by improving a planning and training vehicular pursuit policies it is anticipated that law enforcement will only pursue when appropriate and in those instances where a pursuit is a necessity to protect the health, safety, and general well-being of Nebraska citizens and that the pursuit will be managed with utmost concern for the safety of all individuals and communities involved. AM3966 to LB 952 is a needed change that balances the responsibility of government to individual citizens with the duty of government to the community at large. I would point out that if AM3966 is adopted I will withdraw the remaining amendments that I filed and it is my understanding that those amendments previously filed by other members will also be withdrawn. Once again, I would like to thank those individuals and associations interested in this issue for their assistance. I appreciate each of the senators, but especially Senator Lindsay, for their assistance with the crafting of this compromise. It would not have been possible for this bill to pass this year without their willingness the past three weeks to consider many alternatives and working