

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to be very brief. Senator Maurstad, as I had mentioned to you earlier, and I just want this on the record, when we consider the bill on Select File I may want to try to do something about the level of pursuit driver training and require more than just that initial contact when people go to the Law Enforcement Training Center to be certified, because we just yesterday I think did some work on a bill to advance it that "Jesse James" and the "Sheriff" are working on together to require recertification by law enforcement officers with firearms. Far fewer people are killed by law enforcement firearms or even injured by them than are killed and injured as a result of the way police conduct high speed chases, so we see that a vehicle can be as lethal a weapon as a firearm. So I may want to work with you to see if we can put in something dealing with periodic refresh courses or upgrading of this training...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Judy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but as I told you...oh, you're welcome. Oh, you're thanking her for the...that's good. You're very...you're a gentleman, Senator Maurstad. I'm not going to offer any amendments at this time and I will talk to you and work with you to see if we can agree on something before Select File.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I hate to break up the love fest of 952, but there are some comments that probably need to be made for the record if for nothing else. This bill was pulled out of committee with 30 votes in its original form and the reason it was pulled out is because 30 senators on this floor wanted to change the fact that Nebraska is the only state that has strict liability in their pursuits, the only state that has strict liability. If you read on the Maurstad summary here, it says that it maintains the unique, current strict liability standards and that's why we have this little love fest going on this morning, because this amendment does not do anything different than what we're capable of doing now. We can go after now damages that we've had to pay