

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you...did you hear the article that I read from? Did you hear my reading of it or did you read it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I saw it earlier.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Over in Newton, Iowa, you mean?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, the one about the violence in the pen system in Nebraska, the penitentiary system, the homosexual assaults and the other violence.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is that...I don't know. I didn't hear that article. There's an article that was in the paper Saturday.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's...yes, I have it right here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, do you doubt that these homosexual assaults and physical...these violent attacks actually occur? Do you think the judge was deceived and these things don't actually occur?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, frankly, I don't know they occur to the degree that's implied there 'cause I have...we've asked those specific questions in our hearing and we were informed that it is not a big issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think these incidents occur? Do you think there are homosexual rapes in the penitentiary in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would acknowledge that they probably do, but I would not want to comment on the degree because I don't think it's a great degree, personally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there are a hundred men and ten of them are raped and you're not one of them or your family member is not one, then you don't think that's very important or significant?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, ten percent would be high. I don't