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accessory to a Class III or IIIA felony, you could be charged with a Class IV felony, and if you are an accessory to a Class IV felony, you could be charged with a Class I misdemeanor. Now that is, however, only with regard to subsections (a), (b), and (c) of the statute, which takes into account harboring or concealing of the perpetrator, providing or aiding in providing a weapon, transportation, disguise, or other means of affecting escape, or concealing or destroying evidence of a crime, or tampering with a witness. We are not increasing the penalty for being an accessory as it relates to subsections (d), (e), and (f) of the statute, which I'm not going to complicate the record, since we aren't making a change I'll not explain. They are set forth on the sheet, the exhibit. I would like to explain that we are correcting something which, even to the casual eye, needs correction, and that is with regard to a Class IV felony. Under current law, if you've committed a Class IV felony, the accessory also has committed a Class IV felony, even in the day and age of law and order that's a little steep, number one. Number two, it doesn't promote any prosecution of accessories, because no right-minded prosecutor is going to charge someone with a Class IV and then charge the accessory with a Class IV. That's the reason for the reduction. I will tell you that our prosecutors across the state have been asking for this bill. I consider it a good piece of work by your Judiciary Committee. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I find myself in a very ticklish situation this morning. I do not approve of enhancing punishments for no reason. This is a bill which, in my mind, enhances some punishments for no valid reason. The prosecutors, as Senator Brashear forthrightly explained to you, want this bill. I voted in favor of amendments in the committee which took an abomination and reduced it to something which is merely repugnant. You will notice, if you look at the committee report, I voted to advance the bill to the floor. Senator Brashear has tried, as the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee, not only to expedite our hearings and bring order out of chaos, but to work with