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Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I think when I make hats and the one whose head it fits stands then that is enough that needs to be done. However, I will give him by the name which he is also known as, Senator Ron Raikes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, I'm going to go through a little analogy that I went through with some people who were testifying before the Ag Committee on this bill. Let's say you have a town and it's about to be overrun by lawless brigands, and you have a sheriff who, for whatever reason, is fearful about doing anything to bring these brigands to justice or to stop their brigandage, and you live in that town and you're a person of business. Would you want somebody to bring those brigands in line?

SENATOR RAIKES: I would, and I would want to do it by...I would want them to do it by the most effective means.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if you had a sheriff, whose job it was to do this, and the sheriff would not do it, but you had a fellow in town who believed in justice and said, I may not be able to capture them and put them in jail, but I can stop them from running roughshod over everybody in town, would you want that person to do that much?

SENATOR RAIKES: So the question, Senator Chambers, is if I can't really get the job done that I would like to get done, would I accept part of the job rather than none at all? The answer is yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, the sheriff...I'm going to do like Jesus did when he had his parables. The sheriff is the United States government. It has not done its job. The towns person is the Nebraska Legislature. I agree with you and others that we cannot do everything. Is it, therefore, your position that we should do nothing?