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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I'm shocked at Senator Bromm because, as a lawyer, he knows a thief does not obtain good title by holding the stolen goods for a long period of time. We don't...we're not formulating a policy here, brothers and sisters. It is the constitution, it is the statute or are the statutes, there are several of them, that already have declared the policy. This is not money that Congress appropriated and is being given to the states by way of a grant with strings attached. This originated in the state.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It never physically leaves the state. It's the process by which it is laundered. They allow the federal government to seek to run it through this process, to change the nature of it so that it will not be bound by our constitutional provisions. What this law, if we pass it, will say is that when that money comes back into the hands of the state, where it originated in the first place, it is subject to the constitutional and statutory provisions that deal with such seizures, and they're provided for specifically in the constitution.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, when Senator Carol Pirsch was here, she was the one who brought this. And I think law enforcement people asked her to bring it. And it was understood how that money was to be used or disposed of. I'm sure Senator Suttle will remember some of the work done by people who wanted to make sure that part of it would go to the schools, because none of it was to go to the schools at first. That was put into that proposal when it was placed on the ballot. And there were some people in the school, I would say, fraternity and sorority, who probably would have opposed the thing on the ballot, had there been no allowance of this money to go to the schools, because all fines, all penalties under the Constitution of Nebraska are to go to the schools. Well, when law enforcement people wanted this provision it was not to fight drugs, it was to try to get them some money. But since any fine, any penalty would have to go to the schools, they wouldn't