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to speak to the bill for a few minutes, if I could. I did not support LB 509 when it was in committee. I think that if the bill is passed as advanced, I think it would be a devastating thing to the state. I think that LB 509, it gives prosecutors a very valuable tool to prosecute extremely dangerous criminals under first degree murder. As a matter of fact, I think that if this bill was to pass without the amendment, that it would actually violate a duty that we have as legislators to protect the public. That's how significant felony murder is. Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear both advocate, or at least Senator Chambers advocates, abolishing felony murder. And everything they said on Friday is true. Everything they've said this morning I think is true, but I still am not convinced that we need to change this bill. What felony murder does, it allows a person to be charged under the first degree murder statute. Felony murder is part two or paragraph two of the first degree murder statute, which says that if a death results while a person is carrying out one of the enumerated felonies, and these are very dangerous felonies, robbery, arson, first degree sexual assault, burglary, hijacking, then the intent from the underlying felony flows to the murder. In order to get a first degree murder conviction, you must have premeditation and the intent to kill. Well, this satisfies, as I read, it satisfies the premeditation requirement. Felony murder is so ingrained in our society that only four states have abolished it, although I'll tell you that most states have limited it, just as Nebraska has in the past. It's really important to prosecutors to have this valuable tool, in my opinion, in that it takes very dangerous criminals who undertake inherently dangerous felonies, that these are the worst of the worst, and it allows them to receive life imprisonment; or if a three-judge panel says so, then they'll get the death penalty. If we did not have felony murder, a lot of these crimes where a death resulted would be manslaughter. Manslaughter is an unintentional killing during an illegal act. Manslaughter carries a minimum of one year in jail. I think that the felony murder doctrine, it actually will provide deterrence from felons committing killings or committing negligent killings during the commission of enumerated felonies. I think that it might even reduce the number of enumerated...of the occurrence of the enumerated felonies themselves. Senator Chambers indicates that felony murder helps gets people on death row, and while certainly if you're convicted under the felony