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mentioned this green sheet that I handed out this morning, and because I think it is important enough to get into the record, I have quoted a passage from the case State v. Reeves found at 258 Neb. 511 which was handed down earlier this month. So this is what the Nebraska Supreme Court said about a new enactment. Reeves had raised the issue of denial of equal protection of the law because we amended the constitution to add that to it. The public voted to adopt that amendment. What the court said is that that amendment has no retroactive application, that neither a statute nor a constitutional provision has any retroactive application unless on its face it says so. So if a provision were silent, then there would be no retroactive application, but we are putting something in that explicitly disavows any retroactive application. And this is what the Nebraska Supreme Court said in the Reeves case, and this material is found on pages 520 and 521. "Constitutional amendments are like statutory amendments and 'absent something on the fact of the enactment putting it beyond doubt that the legislature meant it to operate retrospectively,' such amendments have prospective operation only. Similarly, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that constitutions as well as statutes are construed to operate prospectively only, unless, on the face of the instrument or enactment, the contrary intention is manifest beyond reasonable question. Our review of the current case law in this area leads us to conclude that the general rule remains unchanged. Nothing in the language of Nebraska's equal protection amendment indicates an intention, much less an intention beyond doubt that the amendment operate retrospectively. Accordingly, we hold that the amendment operates prospectively only." The Nebraska Supreme Court has pointed out what Senator Brashear has argued, what I have argued and what the county attorneys probably know but hope that the members of the Legislature do not know. If we pass a bill that dealt with the change in punishment, if nothing is said at all, then it operates only prospectively or deals with acts committed after the enactment of that law. There is on the books a statute which says, if a person receives a sentence of confinement and the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...law is changed, then the new law will apply unless the Legislature says it doesn't. But where we're