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appear to be misleading. So we are leaving it up to the court's interpretation of what a traffic infraction is by adopting the committee amendment. Now that...I suppose the court could, at some time, change their position and, if they do, they do. But as the law is right now I think the holding in the Knoles case would seem to say it's in the nature of a criminal proceeding. And Senator Chambers had suggested that we say it's a criminal offense. We weren't...we weren't entirely comfortable doing that, and if you'd pin me down on why, I'll have a hard time answering that. But we weren't entirely comfortable saying that, so we removed the words that appeared to be erroneous. And if that muddies the water, it does. But I think it...I think it actually makes it clearer because you have the court holding, and you don't have an inconsistent statute that doesn't say what the court held. So I'm sorry for such a long answer.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well,...

SENATOR BROMM: I'll give you some of my time, if you need time.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...I could...well, the thing is, I mean, as a layman and not a...a legal...in the legal profession, is an infraction, is an infraction defined as a crime in your statutes? I go...which is leading up to another question I have. That's the reason I'm asking these questions because...

SENATOR BROMM: Not in the statutes, it is not. But the court, the Supreme Court has held that in fact a traffic infraction under the Nebraska Rules of the Road is a criminal offense under the Knoles case.

SENATOR ENGEL: And then, can we continue this dialogue? Is any of the...as far as...if the Supreme Court considers it a crime, then that's what we have to go by here today, right, is their interpretation?

SENATOR BROMM: I believe so, yes.

SENATOR ENGEL: Okay. Then the other question I have then if the traffic violations would be considered a crime when you...everyone that fills out their employment applications and so forth, have you ever committed a crime, I suppose now they