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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: But anyhow, if this passes, I have one more question for you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR ENGEL: If this would pass, my bill, LB 1277, which will...you'll be able to use cameras at the red lights to...if someone is caught running a red light and right now it's considered a...way we consider it a civil infraction or civil...yeah, civil infraction. Would that, if your bill would pass, would that be unconstitutional, in your opinion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill does not even affect that issue. That issue is determined by what the law is now, as articulated by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The only way you can change an infraction from being of the nature of a crime is that you have to rewrite the entire Rules of the Road. You cannot allow citations to be issued, and, if you do, you cannot say that the failure to appear is a crime, the failure to sign the citation is a crime. You have to remove every reference to anything that exists in the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...statute right now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, your...the time is up, but your light is next, so you may continue, if you wish.

SENATOR ENGEL: Okay. Senator Chambers, if you don't mind, just for another second or two here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I was rushing because I wanted to get through. But you can...

SENATOR ENGEL: No,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...take your time and I'll answer whatever questions you want to ask.