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once given has to stand. And I wasn't insane when I undertook to do it, so I'm not going to disavow it now. But you don't have to vote for it if you don't want to.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further debate on the Chambers amendment to LB 1004, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I do agree, Senator Chambers, that you are grand and you're competent and you're very capable of drafting a bill. And your help and others here was indispensable in drafting this so that it will, like you say, pass the muster. And, again, the amendment itself, it basically replaces the bill. So if you vote for the amendment, you have voted for the bill. I think it's very, very important that we get this legislation passed in Nebraska, especially in the border areas, because it is a great problem there where these people can come over and drive in our state, where they've had prior convictions, then come over here and they only get charged with first convictions, and really they should, their convictions should be enhanced. So I think we, by passing this, Nebraska will no longer be a haven for that type of person. So I do appreciate what everyone has done and I certainly would like to have you vote for the amendment and then vote for the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment to LB 1004.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, if you punish me by adopting this amendment, you're not going to be through with me because there are additional amendments that I think need to be made to the bill. This amendment really does not do anything relative to the philosophy of the bill. It just says what the bill had attempted to say in a different way. And one of the areas that I think really we should strike from the bill is the allowance of convictions under ordinances passed by cities and villages in other states. In Nebraska, in this state, where the ordinances are enacted pursuant to the law, the ordinance is not taken judicial notice of. It has to be put in evidence. You have to prove the existence of the ordinance, that it was properly enacted, that it is in force at this time. You don't