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not believe, could draw an ordinance and name specific entities, because that is a closed group, and it violates the requirement that laws be general, meaning that they apply to this situation and anybody who would be in that situation, and you cannot restrict it to certain groups or individuals who will get the benefit. That benefit has to be available to everybody who is a member of that society, situated in the same way as those for whom it's intended. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1146, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 86. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senator Schimek. Senatcr Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. To do anything less than what Senator Chambers has suggested in this amendment I would consider immoral. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Schimek on FA1146.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I am reluctantly rising to speak about this amendment and about this bill. And I say "reluctantly" because nobody wants to vote against a bill that the firemen want. I think they have proven their mettle over the years, and it's difficult. But having said that, you will notice on the committee statement that I did vote against advancing the bill to the floor. And my primary reason is because of safety concerns. And I want to relate to you the fact that this summer...well, actually it was this fall, Labor Day weekend, we were coming back from Fort Rob, and were going through a small community in western Nebraska that the highway ran right through. And right in the middle of the street, of the highway, in a median strip, were...I believe it was firemen, if my memory is correct. But it doesn't matter who they were. They were right out there in the middle of the street. And I believe it was firemen because I believe they were in a uniform kind of situation. And it was, first of all, very dangerous on a state highway, and secondly, it was somewhat