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SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Schimek, next speaker.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I'd be happy to give my time to Senator Landis, so he can keep rolling.

SENATOR LANDIS: Fifty percent of all money forfeited or seized pursuant to enforcement of the drug laws shall belong to and be paid over to the counties for drug enforcement purposes as the Legislature may provide. So we get 50 percent of the drug money, not by statute, but by the constitution. "Law enforcement agencies may use conveyances"--cars, read that "cars," okay? "Law enforcement agencies may use conveyances forfeited pursuant to enforcement of the drug laws as the Legislature may provide." So we get the drug lords' cars, and cops can ride around in previously-owned cars by the drug lords, according to the constitution that Senator Chambers is protecting from tomfoolery. By the way, he was saying, oh gosh, I am the bulwark to keep out crazy knuckleheaded references to fish and wildlife in the constitution. Wrong. It's already there. "The Legislature shall not pass local or special laws in any of the following cases; the protection of game or fish." Fish are already there. We've got the opening and conducting of elections, the sale and mortgage of real estate. Senator Chambers would have you believe that the Constitution of Nebraska is rather like the federal constitution and it's not. I would grant that every word that Senator Chambers spoke in honor of constitutions applies to the United States Constitution. State constitutions are completely different. This thing is at least 18 times longer than the United States Constitution. And you know what? It's filled with legislation. State constitutions historically do exactly that because states can use their constitutions for repositories of essentially statutory ideas but enshrining them in constitutional principles. And what I'm asking us to do is no different than what's been done a hundred times before. Read your constitution before you think that it is like the United States Constitution, an instrument of great power, great vitality, and great significance. Which is why, by the way, that the political issues of the day, whether it's flag burning or same-sex marriage don't belong in the United States Constitution. But the state constitution, it seems to me is replete with the kind