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of the citizens of the West Coddington neighborhood. I think all we can tell them now is that we will follow up with these things. I think they understand that LB 1083 holds the promise for substantial improvement, so I guess I feel comfortable that we've brought up the main points and all else is going to be detail or things we can't resolve today. We need additional factual information, certainly I do. So I thank you all for the indulgence in listening to all this. I hope it was a good discussion but, believe me, I think that our folks in Lincoln are no different from your folks elsewhere. They're all going to want to be and need to be and must be reassured with regards to the safety of their neighborhoods if, in fact, this LB 1083 reform is ever going to work. Just has to happen. Thank you.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Brown. Next speaker is Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield some of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JONES: Senator Chambers, you have about five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wanted deliberately to wait until those who have worked hard on this bill and participated had the opportunity to speak, but I want to remind my colleagues of something that you hear early on in law school--hard cases make bad law. That means you should not take one case which is an aberration which is out of the ordinary and build an entire superstructure on that one bad case. It is not something that happens all the time. It is not something that is going to happen all the time. I think the discussion has been good, but people should not waver. They should not back away from a lot of good work that has been done to ensure that what is being discussed today does not become a routine occurrence. So I intend to continue supporting this bill and I will give whatever time remains back to the very generous Senator Preister.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You have 3 minutes and 45 seconds, Senator Preister.