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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I see Senator Redfield here. I don't see Senator Loudon. But I didn't want to get off into a discussion of types of felonies until we got to the bill itself. Now the side issues have been taken care of. We have the bill in the final form which it will take should it become law. I have talked about discriminatory charges being brought against people based on race, discriminatory sentencing based on race. And there is a commission established, under the auspices of...jointly, of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the State Bar Association, and they have found these disparities. So when you are going to look only at who gets charged with and convicted of a felony, and you see a disproportionate number of people who are unpopular across the board in this society, then you know racism is at play. When they're the same people who are discriminated against in housing, employment, education, tenure at the university, medical, obtaining medical and health care, being stopped, hounded, harassed by the police, being subjected to racial profiling, why all of a sudden are people going to become dummed-up and naive and say, well, I don't think there's discrimination in the criminal justice system? But I want to show you where it exists and favors certain people, especially cops. There is a State Trooper, his last name is Hauser, H-a-u-s-e-r. I've talked to the man's wife, I've talked to some women who were supporting her, because he had committed physical domestic violence, assaults against her, on several occasions. He is a bully, he is a coward, he is a criminal. But I want Senator Redfield and others to know that he was not charged with a felony. A deal was struck so that he would be charged with a misdemeanor and he could continue being a Trooper. To his credit, Colonel Nesbit, a man that I've criticized on numerous occasions, fired him. There is some kind of board that will review complaints by employees who feel they have been unjustly terminated. So they reinstated him. So he's sitting at a desk as a State Trooper, who has committed some of the worst violence against a woman. And it was written about in the newspaper. But because of the way this criminal justice system is