

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

May 19, 2005

LB 70

something from this. On page 1 of Senator Jensen's attempt to try to bring some peace and harmony, starting in line 7: "The commission shall consist of the Chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature and the Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and ten individuals appointed by both chairpersons." What does that mean? Does that mean that each of them appoints ten? Or that both of them must agree on every person? What does it mean to say they shall be appointed by both chairpersons? That's ambiguous. When you list the number of people, and the ones who are to be included, there's no attorney present, an attorney who specializes in personal injury. But all these others, I think, were probably just taken out of a hat so you could make it sound like a plausible lineup. On page 14, beginning in line 23: "For purposes of this section, specifications and definitions for eye protection shall be determined by the Nebraska State Patrol." I think that's giving the State Patrol too much authority, and it borders on an improper delegation of legislative authority. The Legislature should define the words on which penalties will be based. Let the Legislature define what this eye protection means, and then let the State Patrol come up with specifications of the types of implements or devices that will meet the requirements of what the Legislature defined as eye protection. This is a valid...I meant, a valorous attempt to bring a silk purse from a sow's ear. And it's not going to work. If this is adopted, then where do you think you're going to go with the bill? I already told you that I'm opposed to it now. I've got to punish Mr. Smith. That's Senator Smith, but keeping with the Mr. Smith Goes to Washington reference. And the more I fight it, the better his chances are out there in that vast district...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in which Senator...I meant, Congressman Osborne said he does a lot of roaming and rambling around in. So while he's roaming around out there in the 3rd District, he can say, I fought Senator Chambers. I fought the law, but the law won. But I fought him. Adopt this amendment, I'm going to fight the whole bill, anyway. Don't adopt it, I'm going to fight it. But it will take me a while, because other people