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insert the word "the." There is no purpose served and it is not good drafting to refer to the state as "our state." It is "the state." If you were in my English class and submitted this, you would get 50 percent. You would not get a zero. But on the other hand, maybe you'd get a minus 50 percent, because where you got it right is in line 5, and that should have told you what you should have put in line 3. In line 5 you refer to "the state." I'd like to ask you a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, would you respond?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, my amendment would strike the word "our" and insert the word "the." First of all, do you have any objection to that amendment?

SENATOR BURLING: Not really. I think the word "our" identifies the state. Rather than being any of the 50 states, we're talking about our state. I think it identifies it, but it's no big deal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then if you look in line 5 in the amendment, it says "the state." So in line 3 you're talking about "our state," which would be Nebraska, but when you get to line 5 and talk about "the state," could that refer to any of the other 49 states?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, it's in the same paragraph, so after you've identified it with the word "our," I think "the" is probably okay. But you know, that's not...either one is fine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't want either one. I want both of them to say the same thing...

SENATOR BURLING: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when the word "state" appears. And what I prefer is to strike "our" and insert "the." Do you object to that?