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to give a real brief background on LEIF funds, and basically what we have now is we have a \$2 court fee that goes into a fund that's used to train police officers, largely for our small communities. As I understand it, Omaha, Lincoln, they train their own police officers, but the city of Norfolk, Gordon, some of these other small communities that have a police force, they rely on these tuition grants that are funded through the LEIF fund so that their police officers could be trained at the Grand Island facility. Historically, and I can remember this from my years on the Judiciary Committee, five, six years ago there was a court fee, a \$2 court fee, that all went into LEIF. That was scheduled to sunset. We had Senator Mines' bill this year. Senator Chambers and actually other people expressed opposition to continuing the court fee because...that was scheduled to sunset, and Senator Flood came up with this solution. I commend him for doing it. It's thinking outside the box. It's creative. It allows some monies to continue to go into the LEIF fund to train police officers for our smaller communities. I appreciate Senator Pederson allowing this to go on his bill. It's a win-win. And, Senator Flood, thank you for doing this. Senator Chambers, I appreciate it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, your light...did you wish to be recognized to speak?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, now that there's been an explanation of what is before us, I just want to call attention to the fact that even when I am adamantly opposed to something, my mind can be changed. If I'm given facts, evidence, or compelling arguments as to why my position ought to be changed, I will respond; I will change it. And I may as well say it at this point. Those people on the floor who, because they feel that my position is rock solid against what they're doing, would nevertheless discuss with me my opposition, perhaps we can reach an accord and some changes can be wrought. But if they're going to stand where they are, and they know where I am, then I'm not given any reason why I ought to alter my position, therefore, I won't. Senator Wehrbein has been able to manipulate me when it comes to ethanol, which is something I don't tend to favor. Senator Connealy has observed me in a discussion on a matter which may be of interest to him and has