

Nebraska for that \$70 million. Now, does that show up in the fiscal note? Of course, it doesn't, neither do the other lawsuits that are likely to be filed against the State of Nebraska. Who is going to pay that? The citizens of Nebraska. They're going to pay it even if it's not something that is ruled in U.S. Ecology or other's favor. They're going to pay it in attorney fees and other costs. That's a tourniquet. That's a tourniquet to where a Band-aid may be needed. The legislation of this takings bill is going to put a tourniquet on the citizens of Nebraska and I submit that we do not need that. I submit that Senator Chambers is very right when he says...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...this bill is all too far-reaching. And I support his amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, continuing my dialogue with the citizens of the state, whom I happen to be tuned in, while my colleagues are tuned out, but the record is going to be here. Executions are gruesome affairs at best, but when the description includes, one, of how parts of the body begin to swell and smoke is emitted, it seems to me that members of the Legislature who are professing to be concerned about principles of justice, ennobling society and all these other things should want to look at whether or not the state is engaging in barbaric activity by authorizing the taking of a human life by any means, by any means. But since you have put it into the statutes, it seems to me you would be concerned about having the execution carried out in the way that the statute says. When the words of the law say, shall be continued until a certain result is reached, it means there is to be no interruption in that process along the way. So even if it does mean that the body would do, as has happened in other cases around the country to a greater extent than it did here, that smoke comes from under the headpiece, that drool comes from the mouth or what part of the nostrils have been left visible through the leather mask that they put on the face. Despite all of those things, the process laid out should be required to be carried through, as the statute says, in every case. That means that the killing of this person is not being done for the convenience of the executioner. The