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I was going to ask then, Senator Marsh, does it have to do with the type of clothing that was worn? While I am on my feet, I would like to say that I'm going to support Senator Marsh in her attempt to bring this bill out of committee. I feel that we do have problems in Nebraska and even with our Federal, considering there is a Federal act that takes care of it. I think if we can keep this problem here in the home state and we can do something about it, it's going to be nothing but good.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to point out that for some reason everytime we talk about a discrimination bill or any discrimination practices that go on in the state of Nebraska for some reason we have to mention minorities, colored skin, or religion. I can give you an example right here in the city of Lincoln in the county of Lancaster where the sheriff's office has on his application "what party do you belong to". A gentleman called me and was wondering what we could do about it. I called Reed DeVoe and he said "my hands are tied". I don't think it's a bill that has to do with any particular race, religion, or what group you might call. I think it concerns all of us. The action of the Committee really, I suppose, shocked me rather than surprises me. To Senator Stull, he says he goes along with the Committees. I can say that he doesn't do that all the time. I think what he has to pay attention to here is what we're doing for mankind. I think that is what is important in this issue. So remember when you vote on this, that it is just not for certain people or certain races, it might be for you. It might be just for you.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Committee wondered why Mr. DeVoe was this late of coming around to get some teeth into the law. Why didn't he do this sooner. Will Senator Marsh yield to a question please.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR MARSH: Certainly.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Marsh, was this ever attempt..was this ever attempted again to get this ball through. Has it been killed by Committee or something before, do you know?

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Maresh, I am uninformed on this and since this is my first session, I do not have a background to know.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. President, members of this body, I'd like to ask Senator Maresh a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, will you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Kime.

SPEAKER: Marsh. Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, of course.

SENATOR KIME: Well, my question..in the meeting was Section 8, Page 5, Line 9, "the county attorneys are granted authority to enforce this act". Section 9, Page 7, Line 26 states that