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be in favor of good law enforcement. I want to add one other thing. If we were to specifically allow this, you would almost immediately see a new wave of sales of this type of equipment to police departments across the State of Nebraska, and so by the enactment of this law, we would again increase costs and increase expenditures by hundreds of thousands of dollars by the time a number of vehicles would be equipped with flashing blue lights. So I would hope that we would not pass the bill, first of all for the reason I gave earlier that it would cause confusion relative to how we are going to enforce the law; number two, it would add a great deal of cost to many cities and it just doesn't make sense. I think the bill ought to be killed.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion? If not, Senator Nichol, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just a couple of things, first of all, confusion, what can automobiles use now that make arrests? They can use either red or they can use red or white. Is this confusing to you? Apparently not at all. I think perhaps we are a few years ahead of the times with this bill. I think eventually you will find that blue and red will be used across the country. I talked with Colonel Kohmetscher. He had no objection to it. As far as the cost is concerned, I understand the cost of these lenses are very insignificant. It is an optional thing. You can take it or leave it. If it is adopted in your community, you have no problem with the communications in your area, your newspaper, electronic media, let it be known immediately that that is what it is. I don't think it is a problem at all. I would ask for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 597. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Do you give up or do you want a roll call?

SENATOR NICHOL: I just see too many red lights to see that I am getting very far.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill fails to advance. LB 598.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 598 offered by Senator Nichol. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year