

morning. This thing isn't perfect, and I doubt if it will be perfect for a little while, but it certainly is a start toward closing down some of the problems that we have in public libraries in this state. This is what we are trying to do, and if this is so wrong for the State of Nebraska, I would suggest to you that it is being used now...a bill similar to this is being used in 16 or 17 other states. I would suggest that we get along with it, adopt the amendments. Let's get the bill adopted and go on with our business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is...

SENATOR LUNDY: (Interrupting) Just a moment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR LUNDY: I would share the remaining time with Senator Nelson...or with Senator Smith.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Smith, just a minute. Okay, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask Senator Lundy for clarification on the infraction. You stated...or no, Hefner did, I guess Senator Hefner did for you, but the infraction ranges for first time offense of \$100 maximum. Okay.

SENATOR LUNDY: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR SMITH: That could go as low as \$1.00, though, couldn't it? And it could also be for...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Or nothing.

SENATOR SMITH: ...such things as restitution for the cost of the book. So we're not talking here of making criminals out of anyone. We are talking about people who knowingly and willfully take property with no intention of returning it, or who make no attempt to return it when it's long past due, and at a cost of thousands of dollars to the State of Nebraska every year. I like to read books also, Senator Vickers. In fact, I read a lot of books. I do more than browse. I want to have those books in the library when I get there and I don't want to have to keep paying, as a