

who are under stress, and I know they have worked very hard on some of the farmers who are under stress, and I am afraid that we are going to have maybe some more Kirk situations. Maybe this bill will make a statement, it will give the police an extra tool that we may be able to prevent some of those tragedies from happening because I am afraid the scene is set. I think we are going to have some more of them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I certainly support the bill. It is also certainly true that in the Judiciary Committee in the last two years that I had the Judiciary Committee that I took a very cautious approach towards the bill and I took a very cautious approach towards the bill because, one, I have always been concerned with regard to this law and with regard to any law that the law fit into our judicial system and that we do everything possible to integrate every criminal law we put into the statute into our existing system. There is always the potential problem when you take model laws from around the country and try to apply them here to Nebraska that it won't properly fit and oftentimes modifications and adjustments are made so that it does properly fit in.

PRESIDENT: Senator, do you want to pull up your microphone just a bit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: After a couple of years of experience with this particular bill, the Judiciary Committee has not been able to further improve upon the bill but I think that the bill in its current form does fill a small niche, a small omission in our existing law, and that it is, therefore, helpful. Nobody should have any misimpressions. Paramilitary training, the people who are interested in paramilitary training, the activity that is going on in Nebraska is a result of the economic hard times and nothing but the solution to the underlying problems will make this go away. But that doesn't mean that you don't put in place laws to deal with those who involve themselves in these kinds of activities in the illegal way that we are defining it in this particular bill. Economic conditions are the underlying reason for much of crime but that doesn't mean you don't have a law against burglary, or you don't have a