

law against murder, or you don't have a law against a whole number of situations. Likewise, in this particular situation, although this bill is not going to solve the problem, there needs to be a law in place to deal with the problem. Now Senator Chambers is quite correct in pointing out that this law punishes nothing or no one unless you prove the intent to cause a civil disorder, but what Senator Chambers seems to indicate is that somehow this is unusual in the law that intent should be important. Intent is important in every criminal offense and there are particular criminal offenses where intent is the subject or a critical part of the offense just as it is here, possession of narcotics with intent to deliver or to distribute, for example. Conspiracy requires a certain kind of intent so there is nothing new or unusual here in requiring proof of a certain kind of intent. Another thing that I am going to point out to you and I think to which you should give some consideration. This law is not just filling a vacuum. This law is replacing an existing law, and the existing law that is being replaced is a terrible law, and I think Senator Chambers would agree is an unconstitutional law. And if you look at page 3 in the bill and look at all the crossed out language, you will see what law exists in Nebraska right now, and I would argue to you very straightforwardly that this bill is certainly an improvement over our existing law...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and for that reason and for no other reason should be adopted. Senator Chambers I think has made an exaggerated statement with regard to the fact that this could apply to farmers in the coffee shop. That simply is not the case. If you read through the bill carefully, it requires certain actions and those actions would not take place in a coffee shop, and it requires a certain intent in addition to the action. So listen carefully, read carefully what the bill does, and when you have read carefully, then listen carefully and be sure to separate out the exaggerated statements from the accurate statements. Finally, Senator Chambers has indicated that the bill is not enforceable. This bill is modeled after some federal legislation that has already been enforced and is enforceable. It is true and it is clear that to enforce this particular piece of legislation, to use it, you will have to have some good police undercover work. There is no doubt about that.