

government. I don't know how far any of that has progressed in the state. If it is there at all, it is by far too much as far as I am concerned. I do want to say though that in the years that I have been in this body, I have watched many issues come before the body which have raised emotions to a fever pitch on the part of the population. I can't imagine...I can't recall how many times I have picked up the telephone and received a direct threat to my life, to my property, to my person, to my family. I have had my ancestry questioned. I have had my progeny questioned and all the rest of them. And I am sure Senator Chambers has had that. I don't think he gets much love mail. The love-hate mail in this place is...you know, it is kind of like the lost and found, they ought to balance out but they don't. There are always a lot more objects lost than are found. It is the same in the love-hate situation. The people who respond to the bills that we vote for or against, who disapprove of our position, always respond with much more alacrity, much more emotion and much more emphasis than do those who support our position. I have never quite been able to figure that out. There have been a number of meetings in the past week or two, several weeks, relative to some of the major issues before this body that have gone far beyond that type of meeting which we would consider to be a normal exchange of ideas. And I guess I am concerned at this time and I am sure that Senator Chizek is concerned also that we not stop the expression of will of the people. I would hate to do anything that would limit the people's right to assemble, limit the people's right to discuss an issue, yes, limit the people's right to influence me or any other legislator. If, at some time in the course of that conversation, individuals became carried away to the extent that someone might threaten someone, I would hate to think that that individual could then be guilty of a felony. I would hope that others who listened to this debate, as I have, and have some of those legitimate concerns, I intend to speak to Senator Chizek about some of those, to see if there is some way that we can not infringe upon violations of individual rights. As Senator Beutler has said, we do not want to come to the point where we overstep, where we overstep, as Senator DeCamp has indicated, the constitutional rights of the individual. Many countries, many countries in this world do not have those kind of guarantees. They were not achieved here without cost. They were achieved here at great cost and many individuals have fought and died to keep those and we do not want to