

abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press", and here are the language, "or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble", or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, "and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Now, the State of Nebraska was not about to let Congress have the last word on our Constitution and so we put the same language in the Nebraska Constitution. Section 19, Bill of Rights. "The right of the people peaceably to assemble to consult for the common good and to petition the government or any department thereof, shall never be abridged." And then I read LB 772 and I see what is criminally wrong. Number one, it is criminally wrong for a person to teach or demonstrate to any other person the use of a firearm when such person, i.e, the teacher, knows or has reason to know or intends that such information will be unlawfully employed. I read that section and I say, you know, our criminal law already reaches that conduct. It already reaches that conduct because it is a crime to aid and abet in the commission of a crime, and if you know a crime is intended and you then teach how to build a weapon so that crime can be committed, that is currently prohibited. But then I get down to what is the crux of this argument. It is a crime for any person, Senator Sieck, to assemble with one or more people, Senator Nichol and Senator Lundy, for the purpose of training with, practicing with or being instructed in the use of any firearm, et cetera, capable of causing injury or death, when such persons, that is the assembled group, I guess, intend to unlawfully employ such training in the furtherance of a civil disorder. Thus, when poor old Senator Harold Sieck innocently goes into some training program for the use of a firearm, if some of those colleagues who are assembling with him have illicit motives in mind, Senator Sieck is stuck with their illicit motives. And I submit that that kind of a situation, that that kind of a situation can easily violate the first Bill of Right of the United States Constitution and the 19th Section of the Nebraska Constitution.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: But I am not an expert. I am just one person looking at this law and looking at the Constitution. What I am saying is that this Legislature does a service to constitutional principles in letting this bill be held for a short period of time while the Attorney General is consulted and while others take a real hard look at the kind of