

So something as serious as the Legislature trying to give attention of a significant variety to a very important issue that really impacts on the City of Lincoln, we're supposed to believe that the judge would not have waited until the Legislature got through acting. That's rubbish. That's as strong a kind of language as I can use to describe things that I disagree with, but the rest of you can supply whatever you think is appropriate in there. I'm not going to just sit back and not vote on this issue. I'm going to vote against it. This is bad legislating and remember, if you don't understand what it is in this thing and you vote for it and it turns out to be wrong, how are you going to say a second time, well, I took other people's word for it and I voted for it even though I didn't know, even though it was the only subject that we were supposed to be there for discussing. I didn't understand it, but I voted for it. Let's say that some people were concerned enough to say that there should be a severability clause. Senator DeCamp is right that the court will sever insignificant unconstitutional provisions from an act of the Legislature, but the court has said time and time and time again, that if a proposition included in a bill can be deemed to have been a consideration contributing to the passage of that bill, and some of the senators would not have voted for the bill without those provisions, then that material is entwined sufficiently to cause the entire legislative proposal to fall as being unconstitutional. It's one thing, Senator DeCamp, if you have three threads, red, white and blue...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and for some reason you don't want the white one, to just slide the white one out and you can leave the red and the blue one, but if you take a can of white paint, red paint, blue paint and mix them all in a container and suddenly you decide the white should not have been there, the court is not going to perform alchemy and try to extract the white from this mixture. It all has to go and you start out by doing it again. I don't see the need for this. I'm not going to vote for it and I know my saying this is not going to influence anybody in their vote, but I want the record this time around to have a clear depiction of what it is that I'm doing and what is in my mind at the time that I do it. Last time I went along with those who wanted LB 713. I even voted for it when some said they didn't want it, but they had to be voting against it to keep