

Legislature without getting run over by a truck. He's on the city council because he can probably only navigate the distance between his house and the building where they meet, if he drives himself. Do I sound angry? I'm not angry, I'm indignant. I'm righteously indignant. These are elected officials. I'm sure they take an oath, and that oath always contains words to the effect that you will uphold the Constitution, and these men have said, phooey on the Constitution. When I formed my mouth to make the first letter of the word "f", people thought something else was going to come out. So I wanted to add that dramatic pause so you could wonder, is he going to fall, but, no, I won't. This article contains comments by a man named Joe Friend. He is the council president and here's a paragraph talking about him. "Council President Friend, a former deputy police chief, chimed in, I agree with Steve Tomasek here with the way these rulings are going. Pretty soon we won't have any laws left." They don't have law now if they are going to disregard what the court said. They mean the kind of laws they want. He was a deputy police chief and at the time he was also the former Public Safety Director. When complaints were made against the police for violating the rights of citizens in Omaha, Joe Friend always supported the police and now you can see why. He encouraged police lawlessness while he was on the force and he now supports police and official lawlessness by the city council. You all who don't live in Omaha don't have to contend with this. Senator Nelson said, oh, yes, they do, but I'd venture to say...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that if a declaration had been made by a court, do you mean to tell me that something is unconstitutional, they would publicly defy the court and say we're going to keep it there? Why this is shades of George Wallace, Orval Faubis (phonetic) and that old sheriff Jim Clark who said, never, meaning black people would never exercise rights guaranteed by the Constitution, and we've got that attitude on the city council and Owen Elmer wants to protect them. Cwen Elmer, Senator Owen Elmer, pardon me, I want to strike that provision, and in view of what is said, I'm going to listen attentively while you defend your amendment and justify what the Omaha City Council did to the detriment of the citizens of Omaha.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Nelson,