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Despite Sturgeon's and McGill's problems, officials said crime has decreased in their cities while the machines were in operation.

Most opponents urged the committee to kill the bill, but supporters said letting the public defeat the machines would quiet proponents who say that a majority of Nebraskans support them.

Sen. Peter Hoagland of Omaha said he wants the committee or the Legislature to kill the issue if it gets that far. He said senators should confront this delicate matter.

"I think it's a copout. Whenever we have a difficult issue or an issue that we're losing on, to put it to a vote of the people," Hoagland said.

He testified that an unscientific poll of his constituents showed that 71 percent were against the machines. He said that in a representative democracy, senators should be able to make

the decision for the people.

Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne, a committee member, said to carry out Hoagland's representative democracy theory, every senator should have the opportunity to voice the preference of their constituents.

"I don't want to hold it hostage here," he said.

The long hearing tested the senators' tempers.

Committee member Marge Higgins of Omaha was repeatedly interrupted by Hoagland while attempting to question him. Higgins asked Chairman Elroy Hefner to ask Hoagland to behave like a witness while on the stand.

Sen. Pat Morehead later scolded Sen. Rex Haberman after he solicited an apology from McGill for observing that "one of the damn shames today is that we don't have any statesmen. We just have politicians with their hands out," McGill said.



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Contact lens industry expands because of 'different' wearers

By Janet Stefanski
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Two-thirds of young contact lens wearers report that they have more dates and have increased activity in school and sports events, according to a Heart of America Contact Lens Society study.

The owner of Pearle Vision Center, 1132 O St., said he thinks most people buy contact lenses for cosmetic reasons.

"They don't like the way they look in glasses," owner David Kovar said.

Three types of contact lenses are available: the conventional hard lenses, soft lenses and gas-permeable lenses.

Gas-permeable lenses, the newest type, have made it possible for more people to wear contact lenses. Kovar

said these lenses allow oxygen to pass through the lenses.

"They are more comfortable to wear, short-term and long-term," Kovar said.

Convenience and health are other reasons people opt for contact lenses instead of glasses.

Inta Larson, office manager with Family Contact Lens Center, 6909 O St., said more people are choosing contact lenses because they aren't as awkward as glasses and they cost about the same.

"They give patients a lot more freedom away from glasses," Larson said.

Prices for contact lenses range from \$59 (for hard lenses) to about \$175 (for gas-permeable lenses), Lovar said.

Tinted soft lenses are a new type of lens offered. Kovar said that sometimes

people who don't have bad vision want to buy these lenses to change their eye color.

These people need to have their eyes examined and consider the care required for contact lenses.

"The patient would have to ask themselves, 'How badly do I want to do this,'" Kovar said.

In general, what's new in the contact lens industry is not the different types of lens, but the different type of lens wearers. Ten years ago, the contact lens market's primary consumers were 17-year-old girls. Now the first-time wearer is changing according to Kovar. More men and older people are wearing contact lenses.

"The category of contact wearers has broadened," he said.

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Workshop reduces language anxiety

By Sally Buessing
Staff Reporter

Some youth in France speak French backward to show their rebellion against society, said Nicole Smith, professor of French at UNL.

Knowing any foreign language that well is unimaginable to many American students.

Smith led a foreign language anxiety workshop, which was part of 15 study skills workshops scheduled for this semester. The workshops are sponsored by the Educational Learning Center, Selleck 7005 and are free to all UNL students and faculty.

To relieve some of the anxiety of learning a foreign language, Smith suggests students first examine their attitudes. Students with highly motivated, but relaxed attitudes usually do well learning foreign languages, she said.

"It is important to realize that language is completely arbitrary," Smith said. Students get frustrated when there aren't always "explanations" for things, she said.

Smith said students should make use of their eyes, ears and muscles when memorizing. She suggested categorizing and color coding words on flashcards.

She also suggested saying words aloud and training the mouth muscles by saying them often. However, she did caution against studying for prolonged periods of time.

"Treat your memory with care," she said.

Smith advised students not to become frustrated if they can't remember a word. To commit a word to long-term memory, a person must forget it and re-memorize it seven times, she said.

The next study skill workshops are "How to Study Math" on Wednesday and "Notetaking in College" on Thursday, both at 2:30 p.m.

Overcoming procrastination, test anxiety and introduction to speed reading are among the other study skills workshops scheduled this semester.

Krivosha opposes elected judges

By Carla Johnson-Kimbrough
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Nebraska's Supreme Court Chief Justice said Wednesday that changing to a system of electing judges would be a hindrance to judicial decision-making.

Chief Justice Norman Krivosha addressed a group of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce members during the first "Face the Chamber" program of 1985. Krivosha said many people think that if judges were elected, they would be more responsive to the people.

In the state of Nebraska, judges are appointed. The governor and the Legislature are required by law to represent the people, he said. Judges, he said, are precluded by law from representing constituent views in their decisions.

Krivosha, who is "violently opposed" to changing to a system in which judges are elected, questioned how people could feel comfortable knowing a law was ruled unconstitutional because of voter pressure.

The responsibility of the court is to interpret

what the law says according to precedence and the Constitution, he said. Issues such as the death penalty and impeachment procedures, Krivosha said, must be decided by the people and the Legislature.

Although there is, on average, only one impeachment about every 90 years, Krivosha said, the real issue in impeachment procedures is avoiding situations that require such action.

The Nebraska Supreme Court, unlike the U.S. Supreme Court, must hear all cases filed with the court. There are 1,002 cases presently on file with the court, he said.

On the average, Krivosha said, Nebraska does not have a serious backlog. The backlog, he said, varies from court to court.

With the role of technology in society growing continually larger, Krivosha said he is not sure of the role the computer will play in the court system of the future.

"Justice requires some heart and mind," he said.

The next "Face the Chamber" program is Feb. 13. The guest will be Rep. Hal Daub.