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Regular deputies are required to have a certain amount of training before they can even be sworn and keep their job, and they must get it within the period of a year. Omaha and Lincoln police divisions are required to have their training systems which must come up to the standard at least of the Grand Island Training Center.

So when you're going to have a group of people where you give them the same powers, the same prerogatives, as sworn officers, then there is no reason and there is no justification to do away with the training requirement.

The provisions of LB 432 do not prohibit the appointment of special deputies. It does not do that at all. It would not prohibit anybody from doing voluntary charity work, such as that mentioned on the floor the other day, like scuba diving, etc. What you all should be aware of, and I think you all know it if you can look at the issue and not me, that the special deputies are not concerned about being concerned about being allowed to scuba dive because they can do that anyway. They want to wear guns. They want to wear uniforms and they want to ride around in the patrol cars. These are some of the actual things that these men admitted to a certain lobbyist that they were trying to get to carry this bill for them. These men admitted, I'm telling you and it's on the record ... that when I say it, that they wanted to carry the guns, they wanted to wear the uniforms and they wanted to ride in the patrol cars. They didn't talk about scuba diving, directing parades, directing traffic, or doing any of those things.

If you'll look at what the bill is about I don't see where there can be any reasonable objection to considering this bill on its merits right now.

That's all that I have to say. I'm opposed to the bracketing motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime, would you address yourself to the matter of bracketing only please.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, members of this body. I think this bill should be bracketed. The other bill is coming up. If the bill fails then this bill is ready to go on. He said that this prohibits the use of deputies.... It prohibits the sheriff from asking for these deputies at a moments notice. He can only get these deputies after he publishes a public notice, perhaps he has to post up some bills or something like that, I don't know. He has to give a public declaration at the end of the emergency. After the end of the emergency the deputies cannot work until another emergency, or whatever he might call it, comes along. The sheriff wants to be able to call these deputies at a moments notice.

I'd like to see the bill bracketed until this other bill goes through. If it doesn't go through then 432 is ready.