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SENATOR BARNETT: Don't take my time on that. All I want ... I don't care about that. All I want to know is the difference between a reserve deputy and a special. I think Senator Chambers....

SENATOR GOODRICH: The reserves are the one that carry the rescue missions, they're the ones that actually ... there's about a dozen different tasks that they perform, even dental work for example, identification of bodies through dental work, that sort of thing.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do they receive the training?

SENATOR GOODRICH: They are in the process of receiving.... In the past they have received a limited amount of training. They're in the process of receiving the training schedule that you've been distributed this morning.

SENATOR BARNETT: Are they uniformed?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think you're wrong on that. I think I knew that answer.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Reserves?

SENATOR BARNETT: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not to my knowledge.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm having a problem from the Omaha delegation trying to get an answer. I think the problem is ... if you know the answer, Senator Chambers, sure stand up and tell me. Somebody's got to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Barnett, when I do undertake an effort then I try to inform myself. The statutes recognize only special deputies. In Douglas County the sheriff has broken them into reserves, auxiliaries and specials. The reserves are these wealthy, old businessmen like the Swanson I mentioned, who wear uniforms, carry pistols, who ride on road patrol, who do all the things that regular law enforcement people do.

Now separate those reserves. These special and auxiliaries are people who say that ... well like there's a preacher that said when he goes to church at night he's worried somebody will bother him. I have an article to this effect, so he wants to be able to carry a pistol. He asked the sheriff would he make him a special, which he did.

Doctor Dean, out at the Douglas County Hospital, was asked by the sheriff to become a special deputy so he could carry a gun in case there was a disturbance out there. There are two private detectives among these people who want to be specials so that they can carry guns in their private investigation activities, although one is under an indictment from the federal government for illegal wire taping and things like that.