

State Patrol indicated that they were planning to change their operations in this area. They felt that the use of corroboration would make solidier cases, better cases that would stand up in court and so that they're going to this procedure. Basically it's sound law enforcement practice. I'd point out again that there was no opposition from law enforcement. I would move 276 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I think probably some discussion should be made on this particular bill. I think that there's some people more qualified to discuss this than myself, but I think there should be more in the record on this. I think we're changing the way that we can arrest people that are violating laws involved with drugs and before, as Senator Fowler pointed out, an undercover agent, his witness alone or his testimony alone could result in a conviction and now it would take another testimony. Now I want to make sure that we're not handcuffing or we're not tying the hands of law enforcement people with this particular measure. I notice they did not oppose the bill in Committee which would lead me to believe that they probably... the bill is probably acceptable to them. I wonder if Senator Fowler would yield to a question. Senator Fowler, have you discussed this with law enforcement officials, specifically the State Patrol?

SENATOR FOWLER: As I indicated, Senator De Camp specifically asked questions of Colonel Karthauser of the State Patrol about his feelings on corroborations and maybe Senator De Camp would like to amplify on that on their response. It has been discussed with... I'd yield to Senator De Camp.

SENATOR DWORAK: I just think we ought to have a little debate in this, Steve, and... My question to Senator De Camp if he'll yield is, have you visited with the State Patrol on this specific matter? What was their reaction to this piece of legislation?

SENATOR DE CAMP: In open hearing, in public hearing, on the record, the Colonel who is head of the Patrol, stated, yes, indeed, based upon the things we had learned. Based upon the experiences, he felt that corroboration was a proper requirement and he supported the concept. I will get you a copy of that hearing and transcript if you like. I can get it probably yet this morning.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator De Camp, I ask you this because of your legal background and also because of your involvement in the special committee on the State Patrol which I know led into the area of narcotics and narcotic agents, do you feel comfortable with this bill?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I feel very comfortable with this bill at this time based upon some of the things you and I have learned over the last six or eight months, based upon the statements of the Colonel and his support, based upon my legal background. I had certain reservations originally. I now feel that a piece of legislation like this is necessary.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator De Camp, what would the...if an undercover agent or a narc agent, by his particular testimony or his findings alone can not result in the conviction