

they are serving as security guards, they injure a person, they do not have to have any insurance to cover it. This bill does have a liability insurance requirement and if Senator Goodrich is concerned about that, I believe this bill ought to be advanced to Select File. At that time, I wouldn't mind it's being bracketed but if the bracketing occurs now and we get into the budget bills, then the priority bills, there's a good chance this bill may not be heard. It is a bill which all of the security industry people who testified at two hearings during the summer agree on. There's work done by the Metro Technical Community College in the form of a survey which may or may not have great value but nevertheless it is a bill which the security industry itself wants. Since the industry is trying to upgrade its standards, since even Pinkerton's, the largest one, various private investigating agencies are in favor of it, it should not be held up because the Omaha police feel that it is going to encroach on some extra work that they can get. If they comply with the requirements of the bill as far as licensing, they can still function as security guards. What Senator Goodrich and the police want is the opportunity for the police who have large salary jobs and they got a substantial increase as a result of the Court of Industrial Relations decision, he wants those people who have a main job to take the main jobs from these people who are primarily making their living as private security guards. Now since the private security industry is a recognizable industry, those people receiving the low wages there should not have to deal with unfair competition from the police. The main job of a police officer is paid for by public tax money. What Senator Goodrich is asking you to do is to hold this bill up and doctor it up in such fashion that the police will not have to comply with the requirements that those who are in the industry have to meet. I think that is grossly unfair and unjust but on the chance that he and the police can draft an amendment which might be palatable, let that occur on Select File. The bill has had much work during the summer. The Government Committee has conducted hearings and allowed anybody in the industry who wanted input to have it. This bill had no dissenting votes or voices from the security industry. They are seeking regulation of themselves. There is no general fund money required. The whole operation is funded by fees and license fees and that I think, justifies the bill being treated on its own merits and not as something which the police want to use as a boondoggle. I ask that you defeat Senator Goodrich's motion to bracket the bill, advance it to Select File and if he really is interested in trying to amend it, there's plenty of time to do that but I would hate to see the bill held up at this point because it may not get another opportunity to be heard this session. It is important. The industry does need upgrading. It does need correcting such as this bill provides for and I ask you to defeat his motion to bracket for that reason.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Goodrich, do you care to close on your motion to bracket? Did you ask for a date on this or what?

SENATOR GOODRICH: One week.

SENATOR BARNETT: One week.

SENATOR GOODRICH: The date is on the motion. I would call