

with Senator Chambers a few minutes ago with regard to the bill, and then subsequently with representatives of the Police Union. My understanding, from talking to the folks who represent the Police Union, is that there has been some discussion with the...amongst the Chief and the Mayor regarding making some changes in the officers who are patrolling the specific area that Senator Chambers is concerned about, as well as other areas of the city, that there are some changes in work hours as it relates to officers who were going to be covering during the most busy hours in terms of the hours that run from six to...6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. in the morning, and those things are in the works right now. I cannot specifically answer questions as to what those are. I do not know if they will be the kinds of changes that will appease Senator Chambers or correct the situation that he raises in LB 717. But I offer the bracket motion as opposed to moving ahead with a kill motion just to find out specifically what those changes that are being proposed are. The order is not down from the Police Chief yet so it's...right now it is just the information that I've gotten from the representative of the Union. And I ask that the bill be bracketed till Monday just to find out what those are, to see if there aren't things in the works that correct the situation to some extent. There are no guarantees there. The only thing I will say is that if the information was frivolous, or if the information was incorrect, that on Monday I will move to advance the bill to Select File. I may take up the fight again at that point, but this shows at least sincerity on my part for purposes of what has been told to me is taking place in the City of Omaha for purposes of this issue. That doesn't change my opinion on LB 717 in any way, it's just a way for me to say rather than move forward with amendments or kill motions that are on the bill at this time, that we would be better served to see just what exactly has transpired or is in the process of transpiring between the Chief of Police and the Mayor in Omaha. and then address the bill again early next week. With that, Madam President, I would offer the bracket motion on LB 717.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the ones with whom I have to work are in this body. Senator Hall is relaying to you information that he got from people who are not members of the body. I am agreeing to the bracket motion because of the relationship I have had with Senator Hall since I've been down here. I don't believe this is