

is shown in editorial offices although a great degree of irresponsibility and ignorance also come from those quarters than is shown on the floor of the Legislature. If you watch television in this country and others, you will notice that when police officers are engaging in conduct which is questionable, such as the Democratic Convention not too many years ago, and other types of demonstrations which were legal, newsmen have been attacked and now we can add women too, because in these demonstrations the officers will attack demonstrators who are female so I presume merely being a female would not protect the newsperson from being attacked. They have broken cameras. They have seized cameras and exposed film, and these other types of activities which are designed to keep the public from being informed of conduct by officers which is not proper. So if the true intent is to get at people who are actually involved in conduct, which is to be prohibited, then Senator Johnson's amendment merely says, "strike the others". If you have made the conduct illegal then there is no reason to run anybody else off. So his amendment does make a degree of sense. I still think what he is trying to do is put a bandaid on an open sore which is too large for the bandaid to cover, but nevertheless perhaps a bandaid will at least do away with some of the unsightliness if it doesn't go toward curing the ailment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol. We are speaking to the Johnson amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what do we do here? We see a police officer going out to a crowd of, say, a hundred people, and he has to make up his mind who is involved and who is not. So he said, okay, you, you and you come with me and you and you may go free, and you and you, I haven't decided yet. So it just creates a problem for the officer approaching a crowd. I think it is utterly ridiculous to put a peace officer in this position. He has to go out where a crowd is milling around, perhaps in the dark. He doesn't have any spotlight, maybe. Maybe he does. He can't use his foghorn or his megaphone, and he goes out and then he has to make a decision out there in the dark who is perhaps news media. It is unlikely any news media is there, news media, so don't be offended because when they are starting a crowd they usually don't go tell the news media or the policemen that they are going to have a disorderly conduct crowd. But it really places an imposition, and I would object to this amendment strenuously.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.