

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are the officers that you're referring to, when you use that term, sworn police officers, or are these volunteers who are not sworn law enforcement officers?

SENATOR LINDSAY: They would be sworn officers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they are sworn to do what?

SENATOR LINDSAY: My guess is to uphold the law and everything else that police officers swear to. I'm not familiar with the oath.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if they refuse to enforce a law because in their mind the punishment is not great enough, are they complying with their oath to uphold the law?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Again, that's...I think you're starting from a premise that I didn't state. I said that they would not enforce, not refuse to but they wouldn't make that a priority of enforcement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's not get lost in semantics. I will withdraw what I said about they would refuse to. You said they won't enforce.

SENATOR LINDSAY: It would move down on the list of priorities.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay spoke the truth the first time. And there have been law enforcement groups that have come before the Judiciary Committee on a number of occasions and said, because the punishment is not severe enough they're just not going to enforce these laws. Some spouse abuse, domestic violence, those types of things, they said they're not a harsh enough punishment so it's a waste of their time. Their time, they determine which laws should be enforced and the Legislature lets them get away with it, and you're encouraging that by this kind of a law. Senator Lindsay, I'd like to ask you another question or two, if I may. If my motion to kill this bill is successful are you saying that prostitution would thereby be eliminated as a crime?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, it would be a Class V misdemeanor.