

over the years, on protective orders. Many of these protective orders, in fact, I would say a high majority of the protective orders simply are not enforceable anymore. Police officers have gone and enforced certain protective orders only to find out that they had expired. They have gone and enforced other protective orders only to find out that they have been changed or modified or that they have changed it to a different person and so on. And what basically has come down over a period of time is that they have felt uncomfortable...uncomfortable about enforcement of the protective orders even if violated, simply because there is no updated information as to whether or not the order was still valid or changed and it makes a very difficult situation out there. LB 330 would basically make some clear changes. The first thing, that all protective orders would have a...for one year would be in force for one year unless modified by the court, certainly. Also, it would be very...it would be...any protective orders would be sent from the Clerk of the District Court and the Clerk's office to the law enforcement agencies within the county and the state so that if there was a question that could be simply radioed in and the information would be there, yes, there is an order even though the alleged victim is not...does not have a copy available. They would be able to arrest then the person that, in all probable causes, violated the protective order with or without a warrant. One of the things I would like to say in explanation is that there are certain parts of the bill and current legislation now that I think the body should be at least made aware of and that would be there will be certain conditions that the court would say, we're going to issue this protective order, we are not going to let the adverse party know first. In most cases, if there is not a very definite possibility of severe harm or damage to the individual needing protection, the court then will advise the adverse party and they have 14 days to respond to the court so as then the court will decide whether the protective order is indeed necessary. There will be certain occasions when the court will say that there is a clear fear of harm or damage to the person, individual needing protection in this case, that they will go ahead and issue the protective order, to wit then the adverse party will not be notified upon the introduction of the order. At that point, the adverse party will be made...will be at least made aware of as soon as possible and they will have five days to respond to the court order. That, in essence, is the guts of LB 330. I know there will be some questions in regard to LB 330 on the liability part. I think Senator Chambers will probably...or may be speaking to that either on