

General File now or at a later time and that certainly is up for discussion. But the other area simply is something that needs to be done; it is a procedural thing. It is also a needed thing so that the protection orders that are there to protect individuals can, in fact, serve their purpose and the purpose is to protect the individual and if that protective order is indeed violated that the law enforcement officials have knowledge of what exactly the warrants are, where the parameters are and they can arrest the person and separate those...the people that are violating the protective order so the word "protective order" actually does what it implies, protect the victim or the individual that is being threatened. And, with that, I conclude my remarks unless more are needed at a later time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I object.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, I think there has not been sufficient debate so we will continue down the list. The next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a very significant bill. It's very important and it does deal with a serious problem that exists in this society. And it creates mixed feelings in me and let me tell you why. I agree with what the bill is trying to do and I see the necessity that that be done, namely, that if the court issues a restraining order...a protective order or an order of protection, under the circumstances that are envisioned here, it lets us know we're dealing with a situation where violence stands a good chance of being inflicted usually on a female, physically weaker, defenseless and without the means to properly protect herself. So if the court issues that order under those circumstances, this type of restraining order can be viewed in a different light than ordinary restraining orders which are enforced by means of a contempt citation for violation. Since the violator of this order may, himself, be in the process of inflicting violence, it is necessary to recognize the reality of that situation, see it as being different from some of the