

called on the scene, sometimes the best time to alleviate the situation is to physically remove that person from the scene. And so we are saying along with the mandatory arrest that 330 principally has, where a person has a protection order, there is no doubt that that person would be arrested, if they have that protection order and that is on record. But we are saying, and law enforcement asked us in that hearing on LB 218 if we would give them more flexibility when they go into a situation like this and can allow them to apprehend or to take physically away from the scene that person who is causing the violence. The study that I'm passing out was a field experiment in Minneapolis, and it did show graphically, and they are reproducing this same study in other cities right now, that the objective of this study was to determine which of the three alternative police responses would be most effective in deterring future violence, future domestic violence. And the clearest finding of this experimental study in Minneapolis was that suspects arrested in domestic violence cases were less likely to be involved in violence at a later date. Specifically, suspects who were arrested and temporarily incarcerated were less likely to appear on police records in the next six months. Something that has come up again and again in the years that we have worked on the domestic violence scene is the fact that some times the violent perpetrator, and this is generally the man in the case of domestic violence, don't really confront the fact that beating their wife and their children is a crime, and it's a crime against society as well as against their family. Sometimes when that person is confronted with the arrest situation, the taking away and the facing the fact that the assaults and domestic violence is a crime in this state, that they do come to the realization. They are able to go before the court and the court can assign them help and the court can see that as a condition of probation that they go to some of these seminars and some of these self-help groups that can help them deal with this problem of violence. It takes more than just someone telling them that this is wrong. It takes a deep emotional and personal confrontation of what they are doing and help from others so they can break this pattern of violence in our families. To that end then, we are asking that you amend LB 218 into LB 330, so it gives that flexibility to the law enforcement officer, along with the protection of the protection order. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.