

I just have a couple of questions. I feel somewhat close to it because I think it happens to all of us. Right here in Lancaster County, a young sheriff was killed a year or two ago when he went to answer a domestic abuse call and the man came to the door and shot him, and the young widow lived in my block, so, you see, we all...it's very close to all of us if we start examining who we know and what happens in our own communities. I have a couple of questions maybe Senator Kristensen could answer for me.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR CROSBY: Since you're on the committee and there...in the first...Senator Bernard-Stevens said something that the peace officers were coming and saying they had a hard time making these decisions, but the only peace officers who testified was Ron Tussing, our sheriff, and he was neutral. Did actually most of this come from the groups who work with families and so on, actually? Is that the background or...?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I don't have that...I've got to tell you, it's been so long since...I remember that hearing, we had so many of them in committee I don't...

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and there is not a statement in the bill book that testified who was for and who was against it, so I don't have those right off.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, this lists...most of the proponents were people who were related to the support groups and the counselors and that kind of thing, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: My recollection of all that testimony was that we have a lot of people who are very concerned about domestic violence. These support groups are strong advocates. The problem I see is in the practicalities.

SENATOR CROSBY: Mmmm, hmmm. On LB 218, one other statement was made that I didn't quite understand. You did have a hearing, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.