

the field who are coming to us and saying, hey, we need some help here. You may think it's clear, we don't, and LB 218 clarifies that. It keeps in it has to be in the presence of an officer, but it also goes on in the next line, so that's the second page, and clarifies and maybe we can save a child abuse some day. Maybe we can save a mother or even a father from being abused by another...if his wife is with somebody else and he comes, those are domestic violence cases.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We've expanded that area. This is not bad legislation. I urge you to defeat the Chambers amendment and to support the Pirsch amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman is announcing that he has some guests in our north balcony from Stratton, Nebraska, Linda Zahl and 10 high school students. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Senator Nelson, additional discussion, followed by Senators Chambers and Langford.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do have the privilege of serving on the Judiciary Committee, and for my part, I would like to clarify a few of the statements made on the floor this morning. I was going to keep out of this discussion, but I think there is some distorted views and statements being made. I wish that Senator Chizek was on the floor. I serve in Judiciary Committee and I don't think my memory is failing me in the least. This bill was discussed to some extent. I don't think an actual vote was taken on it. I'm not sure whether Senator Pirsch was there that evening that we discussed it or not. If I recall, I don't think she was and I guess it doesn't make a difference whether she was or wasn't, but there were problems and there were concerns on this bill and naturally I have a statement of some of the sheriff's association. I would like to know from Senator Stevens just exactly how many people beat on his door for passing LB 218 that actually understood what is in LB 218. Many, many groups and associations, it is a problem, we all have that concern out there. But, again, there is no simple solution and I just simply want to clarify that that is the reason the bill did not move out of the Judiciary Committee. I don't want to blame Senator Chambers or Senator Stevens or anyone else, but there were some problems and some concerns and that's exactly why it