

among black people. He will say the things that white officers put him up to saying, then he'll say I'm not white, so it's true when I say it. It's not true, it's more reprehensible and contemptible. They, themselves, have had to take legal action to try to get fair treatment within the Omaha Police Division, and in the meantime, my community is victimized, it is victimized by white marauders and black marauders. When we come forth with a program to offer the mayor and the chief that the community could support, the chief and the mayor scoff at it, and they send a white guy, named O'Donnell, whose father, I think, is a priest and that's probably why he got the job out in our community, against whom I had to file complaints when he was stationed there as a patrolman. He and his partner used to follow me around to try to intimidate me. So one time I drove to a phone booth and I called the then chief and told him to send somebody from internal security so he could see these cops sitting there when they should be patrolling. Naturally, he didn't send anybody, but they and I stayed there long enough for somebody to have come, had they been sent. And this is the sucker that P.J. Morgan and Chief Skinner have sent in our community to head what they called the "Gang Unit". It would be better not to have the unit at all than one which creates the impression that something is being done, when in fact it is not. It will be a provocative force, arresting kids because their hat is turned to the side. That's not the problem in our community. Or even somebody doing something with his or her fingers that can be called...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...gang signs, that is not the problem. The problem is that we are a possessed and occupied community controlled by people living outside of our community. The police force and the politicians who make the decisions relative to how the land is used, how absentee landlords can let these buildings and structures fall into disrepair and not be compelled to either tear them down or repair them. That cannot be done by those of us who live in the community because we don't own the problems. When has P.J. Morgan addressed that? When has Chief Skinner addressed it? They deal with the things that the media, being as lazy as they are, can easily use to make a story. Gang-related activity, threats, rumors, and they write their story without having to expend a particle of serious thought or analysis. My amendment...