

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..only the threat.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..produce reasonable fear for her safety, which means a threat against the life or a threat to cause great bodily injury and there must be a present ability to carry it out. All those things are necessary. But the women who were complaining about this kind of activity were not talking about somebody doing this serious conduct because those serious things were felonies under the existing law and I think some of what Senator Pirsch talked about, like destruction of property, would not have had to be too much property to rise to the level of a felony, but the county attorney chose not to call it a felony and did not prosecute it. Even under this bill there are so many other things which a prosecutor can call this conduct that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..stalking will not be what he or she will call it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Robak, Haberman, Rogers, and Lynch. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There's not been sufficient debate on this, Senator Pirsch. Senator Robak. Senator Robak, yes.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senator Chambers, I'm not an attorney, obviously, or I wouldn't be here. What I noticed today is a little test between the attorneys on the floor to see which one got the better education than the other, but I could be wrong. I think stalking is a collection, in my bill anyway, stalking's a collection of acts and these acts have...are too often too small to be a major crime, but you put all these acts together and you have a pattern of behavior that causes fear and it poses a credible threat and that's what this bill addresses, at least that's the intent of this bill and if all these little individual little acts get prevented, that won't stop the behavior. We know these people that...the people that testified and the experiences they've been through, these acts together is one offense. It's the pattern, a pattern of behavior. It's all the acts together. And, also, we talk about