

Senator Beutler's would strike the ability for these trainers to use what they normally use in the process of their business. I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have, Senator Beutler. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Preister, Beutler and Wehrbein.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this bill on its face seems to be very innocent, but I want to ask a question and I hope some of you will listen. Senator Wehrbein, I'm going to put the question to you because in the area of the statute that Senator Beutler is talking about which relates to exceptions, if...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you look on page 5 of your bill in the existing language, starting in line 4, this is excepted from the coverage of the law. You're not doing anything wrong. Use of reasonable force against an animal other than a police animal, now here's what I want to ask you the question because we're creating a crime now. Is it your understanding that if a dog, if a police dog is sicked on me I have to let him bite me, chew me up and I can't defend myself? I can't use reasonable force to distract him, I can't use reasonable force to harm him to keep him from chewing me up? That's a crime the way the bill is drafted now, isn't it because the law specifically says I cannot use reasonable force against a police animal.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say it is intended to be the same as if you were resisting a human officer in that. Is that legal, is that illegal to resist an officer, a human officer today?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the officer is using excess force on me, I don't have to submit to it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say it would be the same thing with a police dog because they are trained to use only the minimal force necessary. They are falling under the same rule, they fall under the same working rules as an adult would, human would in this case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this bill also contains a provision that Senator Lindsay and I were looking at.