

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. I think that, and perhaps Senator Wehrbein could answer a question or two for me and I apologize because I missed some of the earlier discussion in talking to other people, but if we're talking about exempting the police because of training practices or other things that they may have to do in the line of their duty, it would appear to me from my reading that that's already covered in later sections of the bill and I would refer to page 5 where it says, under what the new section 8 would be use of reasonable force and then also in section 10 where it says commonly followed practices occurring in conjunction, well that deals with slaughter of animals but I know in my district cattle get loose and if they were to shoot a cow or do something to an animal, these two sections would cover those types of practices, but in talking about actually dealing with the animal as Senator Dierks talked about which some people could interpret as being harmful, wouldn't that be covered in section 11 which exempts commonly accepted animal training practices? Or do you read that differently, or maybe you've already covered this and I apologize.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I'm on.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I felt that it really wasn't completely because the one is in the performance of duties and someone sometime where one might be, a handler may be disciplining a dog and in a very acceptable manner and would...but to a bystander might look like something severe or even in the form of abuse which would not be covered in training because the one that he is talking about is where they're actually in the performance of duties that's underlined over there on the left-hand side. I just would say that handlers are going to take very good care of their dogs. I can't imagine any true handler being one that would abuse an animal and so...but there may be different standards of conduct in many people's minds. It tends to be a subjective issue just as I said it might even be the way some people handle their own children and I hate to draw that analogy but that sometimes is subjective.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (sic) I would agree that perhaps the extension of training practices does not