

fully cover it, but it seems to me that the spirit of the current statute does cover it. I guess I have a problem in that when we make laws and then we exempt ourselves out that we tend to set a double standard, do what I say but not as I do. If we're going to have the statute, and I do support this and I do think it is important that we protect these animals that we have not only an economic investment in, but both the horses and the dogs which provide a valuable service and so I'm not opposed but I think it is important that we don't exempt out those people who are needing to comply with this in their execution of duty. One other thing, and maybe, Senator Wehrbein, you could answer this question is, that what we're doing in the exclusion and this is on page 4, line 12, it says Section 28-1008 to Section 28-1016 shall not apply to. I guess we're saying that a number of sections aren't going to apply and I didn't take the chance to look in statute what those other ones are.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: It seems to me that we're exempting the law enforcement officers out from other sections of statute in addition to just this and that inadvertently, and I apologize for not having taken the time to look that up. Inadvertently we may be doing more than you or anyone else with this bill intends to do in this exemption and if you can shed any light on that in the absence of my having looked that up, I would welcome that, and if you don't know either, then I accept that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's the ordinary cruelty to animals statutes is what that is referring to in the ordinary course that affects us all or all animals is what that refers to and that's the reason there is exceptions to that for this specific reason is the intent.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay, so it deals with the regular cruelty to animals, so we would be exempting all law enforcement officers who during the conducting of their duties would be exempt from...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: For those itemized issues there...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wehrbein, let me ask you a question and, Senator Dierks, maybe ask you to listen closely to this to