

amendment, and that would be the line 25 near the bottom of the page. I am going to read the existing language, the entire subsection, so that you will see how my language would fit into that. Police animal means, and by the way, this is strange language because there was an attempt to equate as closely as possible one of these animals to a human being who is a police officer, although it doesn't exactly do that. But this is the language in subsection (7) which I am amending. Police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by the state or any of its political subdivisions or any law enforcement agency for the purpose of assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the law enforcement officer's duties. What I would do, after the word "officer's" in line 25 is insert "official enforcement" duties, and I will make it clear what I'm about. My intent is to narrow the reach of this bill as much as possible. So the other day when we adopted language to make it clear that the officer has to be involved with...in pursuit of the police...the peace officer's official authority, this language would go along with that idea and make it clear that the officer is engaged in official enforcement duties at the time this language relative to shielding these animals would come into play. I don't know if I've made it clear what I am trying to say, so I will be prepared to answer questions of anybody who has questions about what it is that I am trying to do here.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members. I would...I'd like to paraphrase or read what I think he is saying, that you are saying for the purpose of assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of the law enforcement officer's official enforcement duties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, yes, that's what it would be.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Which would mean that he is in the line of duty, they are officially prescribed by law and probably would not cover some messing around off duty but with his dog, which none of us would hope would happen anyway, so...okay. I accept that amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. There being no further lights on, Senator Chambers, you are waiving