

necessary to subdue a person, that person should be allowed to use reasonable force to defend and protect himself or herself. If I happen to be walking on the street and the officer rears a horse up at me, I should be able to turn the horse aside, if I'm able to do that, or in some other way protect myself. I should not have to allow myself to be killed in order to avoid being charged with an offense. I should not have to allow myself to be chewed up like a piece of hamburger in order not to be charged with an offense. So what this language would say, that if the person is in eminent danger of death or bodily injury, reasonable force can be used against the animal without subjecting that person to conviction of a crime. And I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Chambers, a question for you, if you would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I...you know I've agreed with all your other amendments. This one I'd like to kind of talk through with you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure, sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: These are exceptions to a law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And the exception that now is Section 8 talks about reasonable force against an animal other than a police animal,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...which is working, including killing, capture or restraint if the animal is outside the owned or rented property of its owner or custodian and is injuring or posing an immediate threat to any person or other animal. And yours would just say, use of reasonable force against a police animal, if such animal poses an imminent threat of death or bodily injury. So you're actually putting a tougher threat, this threat has to be death or bodily injury.