

doesn't rule me.

SENATOR WITEK: I didn't talk to the patrol, I didn't even know the patrol was out there. I haven't talk to the patrol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, they're out there.

SENATOR WITEK: I've been working on this bill that you're going to force me (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they have a lobbyist, he's not supposed to be wearing a uniform.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, I didn't know the patrol was back there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He's not supposed to be here in a uniform.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, given that...okay, in your opinion then, if that's the case that they can already go to court, then in your opinion this legislation is simply not even necessary. You'd rather not see this legislation, not because you don't like this piece of legislation necessarily, but because you don't feel it's necessary. They already have the opportunity to go to court, regardless of what the circumstances would be for their personal situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Witek, I'm not interested only in going to court or not going to court. I'm interested in the law giving guidance and direction to those who are authorized to use force, and let them know what the guidelines are. Going to court is not the only thing I'm thinking about, otherwise we could repeal every law we've got on the books that regulate police conduct and misconduct and just leave it under the Federal Constitution and court decisions.

SENATOR WITEK: That's true, and I think that's...Senator Wehrbein came in with a legitimate concern for injury to these animals in the line of duty. Your concern, legitimate concern is for individuals who would be injured in the line of those animals in their line of duty. But those individuals, it seems to me, are already protected by the courts, not needing additional legislation or extra legislation as these animals did because there was no legislation and there was no protection and they have no protection under the constitution.