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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I just want to clarify that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm just saying that I called him in. It was because I did not know when the bill was coming up until a few minutes ago, so I...if there's sin, I sinned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, now if a trooper cannot distinguish between his boss and somebody who is not his boss then maybe we could apply that to what we're talking about because you all want to draw a parallel between these officers and these animals. But I'm going to pursue that and I'm going to find out because an issue was raised, not by me, about troopers in uniform coming to committee hearings and lobbying and doing these other things when the law says that's not to be done. But I will pursue that on my own. And, by the way, I don't fear dogs. I don't fear four-legged animals who are in law enforcement and I don't fear two-legged ones either, in uniform or out of uniform, big or little. This is what I would like to ask you though, Senator Wehrbein. You and Senator Schmitt and the lobbyists for the State Patrol keep talking about dogs used by the State Patrol. On page 1 of your bill, this is the language that I see. For purposes of this section, police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by the state, or any of its political subdivisions. Does the State Patrol or its dog trainers train all of the dogs owned and used by political subdivisions in this state?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I do not think so but they do come from one central source, I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the State Patrol train and control and have in their custody the dogs at any other law enforcement agency in this state?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you don't know really, from having talked to the lobbyists of all the other law enforcement agencies and the political subdivisions, what the nature of the training of the dogs or the handlers would be.