

their shooting policy. They can still shoot an unarmed fleeing felon. They can do anything they want to but the law will punish them if they do it. So what you're talking about is a situation, if I understand you correctly, where if somebody is committing an offense, that justifies law enforcement in using any amount of force they choose to simply because the person committed the offense. But even with the law enforcement people, they are not allowed under the law to use any more force than is necessary than to restrain the person or end whatever threat that person poses. So if a guy is running around naked and women are there and they're very offended, the cop can't go and shoot him and say, well, it was indecency and I couldn't make him put his clothes on so I killed him. That won't wash.

SENATOR WITEK: They shot that guy in that tank. Yes, but it says use of reasonable force. If you're allowing that individual in the commission of a crime to have a reasonable force defense, why aren't you allowing the police officer the same opportunity?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know what you...I don't get the connection. Here's the...

SENATOR WITEK: You're saying, in your language, you're allowing that individual...and this is possibly during the commission of a crime, to use reasonable force against a police animal if such animal poses an imminent threat of death or bodily injury. That's what your language is doing. And then on the other side you're saying that a police officer cannot make the decision to use reasonable force, thereby defining reasonable force as having their police animal go after that individual if that is their definition of reasonable force. You're saying that that's wrong but if...but if that individual would define reasonable force and have the courts then...then it's in the courts again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, if one of those people is going to use a stick on me and there's no need to use a stick on me and I take it away from him, I haven't committed a crime. I have stopped him from using force...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...against me which the law does not allow him to use. Now, if after taking the stick, I kned him in his crotch and then went upside his head with a stick, like he would