

it was when you're talking about back in the sixties and seventies, I don't know. But it looks to me like now a days they train these dogs so well, at least the ones I observed, that if anybody would attack that dog I think they should be charged with something because those dogs are behaving in a decent manner. I don't know if you have any comments or not, but that's just the way I look at it and that's why I can't support your amendment. I just feel like you're taking the tool out of the hands of the police, that if I were a policeman I would think would certainly be beneficial and would be pleased to be able to have that kind of backup, even in the four-legged animal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers, your light is on again. You have spoken three times on this issue. Senator Schmitt, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President, I really don't have a lot of comments anymore, but I just thought that I would talk a little bit here and give them some more time, if they really needed more time to decide what they wanted to do with this. But I agree with what Senator Vrtiska said on what I've seen with these dogs. I never did handle any personally, but I do know that they're well trained and are used with the voice commands and, like Floyd said, in German commands. And I guess one thing I'd like to say, I guess, for the dogs is you're trying to protect an animal here that costs a lot of money. I'm not sure of the exact figure but I think these dogs cost somewhere in the vicinity of 6 to \$7,000 a piece. So we are protecting some expensive property here with these dogs. And with any animal I'm sure that some of them may overreact once in a while, the same as human beings overreact once in a while, this is going to happen. But, other than that, I really don't have too much else to say but I guess I would give a little of my time back to Senator Chambers if he wanted to make any comments on what I've just said or on what Senator Vrtiska said, or if he wants to say anything on what's been trying to work out. So, Senator Chambers,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHMITT: ...would you like a little of my time just to follow up on what I said and what Senator Vrtiska said? I will give you some of my time. Thank you.