

that Senator Witek raises, I don't see where even with a compromise amendment that the problem arises for the local subdivisions, because, as she stated, you still have the ability, as is in current statute, for the city or village, under their local laws, their rules, regulations and ordinance, to have the ability to continue to provide for the types of penalties that she talks about. Now there will be a provision that would be dealt with in LB 283 that would only apply as the proposed amendment would state, only to horses or dogs that are owned or controlled by the state. The question I guess is once you see the compromise amendment, do you support it or do you oppose it? Take a look at it and we can vote that up or down. In any case it would not restrict what the local subdivisions currently would be and currently do in this area. The question, I guess, is just at this stage of the game, with a couple of days left, actually one, maybe two to amend bills do you amend it, this section of statute so that it first applies to the state, see how that operates for a year. As Senator Wehrbein said he intends to bring a bill in that would address the concerns of those few subdivisions where it would apply and they would have the ability then to pass legislation as well. Any time we have legislation on this floor that impacts a number of different areas, whether it be subdivisions of government in the form of law enforcement, or whether it be certain classes of cities, we often times include or exclude certain areas. A lot of times the City of Omaha comes in and asks to be exempted or excluded, left out of a provision, and we build in requirements that say that it doesn't apply to the cities of the metropolitan class. I mean when it works in our favor I stand up and support it. I guess sometimes when it is an effort to compromise these issues, especially in this case where you basically have put in place a new violation, to have it apply first and foremost with regard to those animals that are under the control of state law enforcement officers makes a lot of sense. Let's try it out there, have it where the vast majority of the, as I understand it these animals are taken care of or at least where they operate is through the State Patrol ranks and with that begin the process of allowing for this additional penalty to be put in place. We will have the control over the ability to have the opportunity to bring the State Patrol in and work with these types of issues should they arise, should there be problems, we can address those, we can have a report with regard to what, if any, kind of...any number of these types of infractions have occurred since the law has been put into place and then we can go about the process, should we decide down the road, to add