

that we chop up too much as it is dealing with law enforcement, and this is just another example of it. I feel we should have the same standards of protection for those police animals that we're going to be providing the State Patrol. So I'm not sure what I'm going to do on the amendment, I'm not pleased that it's being amended in this form and I would prefer that it's not, but I understand the position of the introducer of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Will. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wehrbein's staff is working on this amendment, and in order that you can understand why it's taking a little time, two provisions are going to be rewritten. The original provision will be struck in each instance and it will be rewritten. To try to amend it to do what we're attempting to do would require striking a few words on a line and inserting some little words, then striking more words on that line, inserting additional words, and on and on. It would have taken a lot of time and it would have been confusing to try to read it, and an error could be made in referring to specific lines. So what is going to be done is to take the two sections that give the definition of these animals and rewrite them so that they make it clear that it refers to the State of Nebraska, and instead of the generic term "peace officer" we would have State Trooper. And again I still don't have the confidence that Senator Wehrbein has, but he brought the bill to address a specific problem that was brought to him. And I think we're getting close to the point where the amendment may be filed. This would address that problem. We could see how the bill does work. And he warned me that he would bring a bill to incorporate all these others who might be using dogs, and I think he wouldn't be surprised to hear me say that I would oppose it. Also, if a situation arose which showed the need to include language of the kind that I had about a person using reasonable force if one of these animals poses an imminent threat of death or bodily injury, if he changes his mind about that between now and when we come back again, if we do, then he and I would agree on that. And if he could show me the need for some of what he's talking about, which he can't, but if he could then I would agree with him. But we're going to take it a step at a time and cross each bridge as we come to it. Mr. Clerk, may I ask a question? Has the amendment been filed?