

the Omaha area to know that even though I would support... I will eventually have to support the bill just to get this for the State Patrol, because they've been trying for years to get this, that I regret that it took this kind of an amendment and a compromise with Senator Chambers, one person that can take this kind of language out of the bill, narrow it down to just the State Patrol, and the Omaha Police Department did come in and testify as proponents of the bill and will have to come back next year to the Judiciary Committee, and I hope they would do the same thing that they did this year, and Senator Chambers was absent at the time, but the rest of the committee members, I hope that they will vote that bill out. I think it's a ridiculous waste of more time and will be next year to bring the same language forward, or something similar for the Omaha Police Department, when we could do that now for the Omaha Police Department and just keep them in there. But because Senator Wehrbein would like to get this bill moved forward, and I understand that, and Senator Chambers decided that he did not want to have the Omaha Police or any police department included, that this compromise is necessary. But I want those individuals to know, those men and women who serve Nebraska and serve the Omaha area so well that I do not agree with Senator Chambers' assessment of them, that I know that they could handle the provisions of this bill, that they deserve to have this bill cover them, that I agree with their judgment and their training, I know that they're well trained and they have good judgment and that they would be very adequate to handle the language in this bill. And I wish we could have gotten this for the Omaha area and not had to take them out at the last minute, because I know it will probably come as a surprise to them that this was necessary for the compromise. And I want them to know that we will come back next year and try to get the same provisions that we are giving to the State Patrol to the police departments, including the Omaha Police Department and the State of Nebraska, and hopefully it will come out of Judiciary and maybe next year we'll have a little more time and this bill won't come up on Select File on the almost last day of the Legislature. And when we do have the time, we'll make Senator Chambers take the time and we'll get the bill passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh.) Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Witek is going to make me take time, make me take time when you're trying to stop me. Senator Witek, I