

this bill. So by.... And I don't blame you, Senator Wehrbein, I know that you want to get the bill through. But I guess it's just...it doesn't make me angry either, actually it makes me frustrated, if nothing else, and you've done that many times before, Senator Chambers. It's frustrating to have to come to this minute and come down to where the last minute on a bill you whip Omaha out of it, you know the police officers, and you get to say any of the nasty things that you usually say about the Omaha police officers, and I have friends who are Omaha police officers that I respect and think very highly of. And I sit through that and listen to that, and then have to sit through the fact that Senator Wehrbein has to take this language out just in order to get this bill passed for the State Patrol, so we're caught between a rock and a hard place, which is where you always love to get everybody here when we're running out of time. But I do want those people to know when they find out that it wasn't something that the majority of people on this floor wanted to do, it was just something that had to be done in able to get anything at all for the State Patrol officers. So I don't know, I'll have to do some more thinking about supporting the Wehrbein amendment at all. Maybe...maybe if we don't support this Wehrbein amendment we can fight it out on the bill, but I don't know, it is frustrating. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. I object strenuously to taking the City of Omaha out of this. Certainly if any area needs it, the City of Omaha does need this bill. And I don't think that we should fold on this. So I would hope that you would oppose this amendment and pass LB 283 with the present amendments that have been discussed.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Will. There is no need, Senator, there are no further lights. Senator Wehrbein to close on his amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, in closing I just want to say I do hope you support this amendment. I realize it's a half a loaf, but I'd ask you how many of you have all your bills in its entirety passed this session, those that would even have them passed? And I think...I will say I think it's a reasonable compromise of some of the things that I have talked about thus far about the State Patrol. I have confidence in the State Patrol, but I do want to know what other government