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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..Rules of the Road, even with the mandatory language, I already gave an example to show that not every rule can be enforced at all times in every situation. But the current law makes it clear that officers must know that their official duty requires them to treat all these rules as though they have equal dignity in terms of being enforced because they're there for a reason. To single this out in this manner is not wise. We should strike it. Then if you want to put a statement saying what the Legislature's intent is that's fine, but set it out there by itself so that it does not change the existing law. If you strike this language, you don't do...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..anything.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schmitt, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I missed part of Senator Chambers' opening here so I hope I have this straight, but I think he is trying to put in some discretionary measures for law enforcement officers and I guess being an ex-officer I feel this is probably necessary because there are circumstances out there, may it be an emergency situation where somebody's going to a doctor, hospital, different situations that can arise and I believe that all the officers are sworn to uphold the law the way it is, but I do think that they need to have that discretion where they can take each case individually. So thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. You are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I'll ask for a call of the house and, while I'm doing that.... Oh, I'll ask for a call.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question before the body is, shall the house come under call? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. All in favor. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.