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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, as far as Senator Schellpeper's amendment goes, I'm going to support it. It doesn't go nearly far enough. I am looking at this bill, Senator Schellpeper, something like I would at a pencil that needs to be sharpened, and we have to do it with a paring knife or a jackknife, or folding knife, and you've taken one sliver off the pencil so you're moving in the right direction. I intend to support your amendment. But what I'm having circulated right now is an article that appeared in this morning's paper, and not only does it show that cops drink and drive, but it shows that their colleagues are liars, out and out liars. And when I stand on this floor and talk about the discriminatory way that laws are enforced and the Omaha Police operate, some of my colleagues take offense because they think that cops don't lie, they think they can walk on water, and they think they're so holy that they can go to heaven without dying. I'm not going to read into the record, at this point, what the article says, but during this discussion, I intend to read it into the record to show the kind of people we have who are going to be enforcing this law that Senator Schellpeper wants. Senator Schellpeper, some of my more harsh comments will be saved for later on in the discussion because this amendment, I repeat again, I am going to support, but there's an aspect of it that I have to ask Senator Schellpeper about because I am just now getting my copy.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, Senator Schellpeper, which one are we on?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: We're on amendment 734. It was in the Journal, I don't recall the page number, but that was printed. We filed that yesterday. In line 17, Senator, we strike after "identification", "and truthful responses to inquiries" and we insert "upon request". Senator Beutler, the other day, we talked about it. That was his main concern so we changed that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, since I have a minute or two still,...