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SENATOR BROMM: Well, I...Senator Chambers, I don't recall that I specifically heard from anyone in that respect, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't they have shotguns also, or do they?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, I think so, but I'm not 100 percent sure of that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, do you know whether the state troopers have shotguns in their cars, in their patrol cars?

SENATOR BROMM: I...I don't know for sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not sure either. Why... What damage do you think it would do to the state if we disarmed these Carrier Enforcement people and told them to take their pants out of their boots, if that's the way they're running around?

SENATOR BROMM: (Laugh.) Well,...well, I guess, my response would be that...and you're...you're kind of putting me in a position where I basically need to give the other side of that argument and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Feel free.

SENATOR BROMM: ...my...my...I guess, the position I would take would be that in the situation that we're in, we have a tremendous amount of over-the-road interstate traffic through the state. We have, as the news accounts have indicated, in many instances, had trucks stopped, in one nature and another, carrying marijuana or drugs. And if a Carrier Enforcement person would confront one of those situations and had no apparent weapon or protection, I suppose there might be a greater likelihood that that person might do something to them, or might just simply ignore their...their...their request to stop. I mean those are the kinds of...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now let's...

SENATOR BROMM: ...things that I would envision being reasons why.