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threaten physical violence to those people?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I'm familiar with one case where there was actually physical...an assault made on that officer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what was the nature of the assault?

SENATOR BAKER: Oh, it was an officer we called "Big Foot". Out there in our country they have portable scales, for the most part, and he...I think he simply got crossways (inaudible) with the driver and the guy assaulted him.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When...when you say, crossways, he was between the truck and the scale?

SENATOR BAKER: Somehow like that, I think. I don't remember the exact details. It's been several years ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, is that a common occurrence?

SENATOR BAKER: No, I don't think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you think of any reason, other than the fact that they carry these guns now, why those people need to carry sidearms?

SENATOR BAKER: No, I can't really.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Baker. Members of the Legislature, I'm saying again at the time that that discussion occurred on this floor, nobody could give a solid, rational reason for those people to be carrying those pistols. In view of what I have said, if any of the members, while we're in session, can get information that would cause me to change my opinion, I would appreciate receiving that information. And that failing, I'm going to try to disarm them, through legislation. We a lot of times give the public the wrong image of what the state is about. Some people will have no contact with the authority of the state, the coercive authority of the state, other than maybe through these Carrier Enforcement people. I'm talking about direct contact, not where you see a state trooper driving down the road, or a local cop, or local