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sheriff in his or her vehicle, but where you have a direct, actual contact. That contact should not be one which is threatening, especially when the circumstances are not such that a threat of any kind is necessary. We should not want the representative of the state to be the triggering agent of a hostile contact. If somebody approaches you with a gun, you have a different attitude and reaction than you would have if the person were unarmed. There is no reason for them to have these side arms. The Governor has given a raise to state troopers, and they tried to get some of those who had gone to other agencies, to make more money, to come back. So there's no need now to try to convert these carrier people into state troopers on the sly, the swell the ranks of the troopers, to increase the size of the bargaining agent, to pay more money into their retirement fund and all the other tangential reasons for doing such a stratagem. Carrying sidearms by these people has nothing to do with the discharge of their duties. They had been performing these duties however many years without the need of firearms. And I'm going to do what I can to disarm them. And when these kind of bills come up from the Department of... I meant from the Transportation Committee, I'm going to use the opportunity to hammer this issue and hammer this issue and hammer it some more. And I'm going to try to find that picture in the paper which led me to believe that they tucked their pants in their boots. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on advancement? Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 704 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and thank you, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers included, for the discussion on this... on this bill, on General File. I think, by dissecting it and dividing it out, it was easier to deal with, I really do, and so I'm glad we were able to do that. And if there are further questions that have been raised in your minds, we'll be glad to address those. Come see me between now and Select File, and we'll certainly try to deal with any questions you might have. Also, Senator Bohlke had an amendment; I know it's important to her and I appreciate her being patient with that until Select File as well. So, with that, I'll ask the body to advance 704.