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the State Patrol, but I am not going to be a party to that. And it's going to be some rough sledding getting through these things that the Governor wants to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 153. Senator Schmitt, followed by Senator Thompson and Senator Chambers. Senator Schmitt, you are recognized.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I just want to stand and voice my opinion here that I support the amendments, I support the bill. I feel that it is time maybe to take a look at the State Patrol. I think there's been an awful lot of changes made since 1937 when it first originated. Back in those days, it was the Safety Patrol, basically was implemented, I believe, to handle traffic. Since then through grants, for whatever reasons, there's been an awful lot of changes. There's been a lot of divisions started within the Patrol. And, generally, when a new division is started, whether it was a drug division, a criminal division, or whatever, they took the people off the road to put into those positions, and also with the fact that back, I won't say how long ago it was when I started because then I would be aging myself with some of the other senators in here, but we worked 60 hours, 10 hours a day, six days a week. Then it was dropped down to 50 hours. Then because of the labor situation, why it was dropped to 40 hours. So then they were working 8 hours out there so, basically, what happened, you lost a third of the manpower just through the amount of hours that was being worked out there because of the overtime pay and situations of that sort, but I think it's time maybe to look at the State Patrol. A couple of years back when Colonel Tussing was there, they done away with the Safety Ed Department of the State Patrol, which I had a lot of respect for. I felt it was a very important part of the Patrol, to go into the schools, to talk to the young students about the safety, and this type of thing; going with education rather than just enforcing the law out there. Addressing just a little bit with the carrier enforcement, I know Senator Chambers is opposed to that. I guess at this time I would like to see that looked at. One of the things that happens, and has happened, I think approximately two years or less is probably the average tenure of the carrier enforcement right now and,