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when I tell you that police stop us for nothing. Now Senator Aguilar is being a good guy so far this session and he hasn't mentioned anything that happens to Latinos. So I've got to mention, I've got to speak up for them because I get calls in Omaha too, and from other places around the state where they are targeted by the State Patrol. And if they can be given an excuse like this, they don't care about our children. If they arrest our children for no reason, if they shoot some of our children, as has happened with black children, you think they can make me believe they are so concerned about my child's safety and my safety that they want to make me wear a seat belt? I wish my greatest worry was a traffic accident when I get in my car. We have more to fear from the police than we do from road rage or careless drivers. Because the careless driver is not in all cases going to do something to you intentionally, but the police do, and with all of the evidence coming in from all over this country, people in Nebraska still say, well, that doesn't happen in Nebraska; police don't do that. So I'm going to just have to fight and fight and fight some more. But with the amendments that will be added to this bill, that fight will not be conducted by me on this bill. Senator Hilgert made some good points in terms of being in a position to do more to try to protect children than adults. If you all could bring your police on a tight leash, then you'd see me have a different attitude on a whole lot of things. The police are not a real threat to any of you all. You all don't believe they lie. You all don't believe a lot of things about them that they do. You wouldn't believe it if I told you so I'm going to bring the article and show you that two cops, that cops in two cruisers blocked the highway and had traffic backed up behind them for miles, literally, Omaha cops, and the State Patrol had to step in and cite them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what Omaha cops do, but you-all don't believe it, so I'm going to bring the article and show you and prove it to you. But on this bill, I am not going to resist either of these amendments and I appreciate the fact that Senator Thompson has done a lot of work and that she is willing to take what movement in the direction she is going that is feasible. And maybe as time goes on, my attitude on this whole