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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (FA286, Legislative Journal page 564.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 204.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is about a half page long, so if you look at line 2, I'm proposing to eliminate the words "or indirectly". We would be left with a situation that I think it would be difficult to object to. No law enforcement agency should directly impose a specific number or percentage of tickets that must be written. That's what the bill will say. When Senator Schmitt was speaking about Colonel Sanders, and he stated that the Colonel gave them good advice and said, gentlemen, I thought he was going to say, start your engines. But instead, the Colonel, based on the report that Senator Schmitt gave us, did offer some very good advice. Not only would that advice apply to law enforcement personnel, namely, that you consider the way you would want to be treated and then treat others that way; it would be a good standard for everybody. If there is objection to the bill with this amendment attached, I would like to hear that objection voiced on the record, so that we can discuss every aspect of the bill. I don't want there to be any misunderstanding should this bill be enacted into law. It's purpose is not to prevent a professional evaluation of the overall performance of any officer. Just as a hospital could evaluate the performance of a surgeon who has privileges at that hospital, I don't know whether they tell a surgeon that to stay in good standing here you have to remove so many gall bladders, so many livers, transplant a certain number of organs, provide prescriptions for a certain amount of Viagra, or whatever. So this amendment would take away the two words "or indirectly."

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On the Chambers amendment to LB 204, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of