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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, the minimum, the quota is always a minimum. The quota is, say, this is the floor; you must do this amount, and you can do more than that if you want to, but if you...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes, Senator Chambers. Senator Aguilar, on the Chambers amendment to LB 204.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the amendment and LB 204. A couple of months back I had the good fortune of being able to take part in a new instructional program called Community Police Academy. It was a program put together by the State Patrol, the Grand Island Police Department, and the Hall County Sheriff's Department. It was just a short nine-week course but what it did was explain to us and demonstrate some of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement personnel. From that program, I ascertained that there's a lot more things going on than writing tickets. The training is a lot more diversified, therefore, there should be a lot more variation in the determination of an evaluation process for the officers, other than writing ticket quotas. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I, briefly, I do support the amendment of Senator Chambers. I do believe it is going to give management a little more flexibility in evaluation because, even though we can't...or this would oppose or do away with having strict quotas, I still can't help but believe that it's somewhat necessary to have some measurement for those officers that are working in scattered areas of Nebraska where they are not going to have a lot of chance for direct supervision. I believe taking the word "indirectly" out does allow that at least to be part of the evaluation, which I can't help but think should be appropriate in some cases, and still not exactly have to have the quota that