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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm not going to attack Senator Tyson or applaud Senator Chambers, but I would like to ask Senator Schmitt a question, if I could.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schmitt, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, I would.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Schmitt, you indicated that law enforcement heads are supportive of this kind of legislation. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMITT: We didn't have any opposition at all from Colonel Nesbitt of the Patrol. We didn't have any opposition from the sheriff departments or the police departments, that I know of. When it came into committee, there was no opposition to it at all.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. The only reason for bringing this up was Senator Schmitt or Senator Chambers indicated that this...about being a bill designed for an individual. Didn't...you've been in law enforcement for 30-plus years. Didn't part of this sort of come to a head under a specific head of the Patrol?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, it did. It came under the appointment of Colonel Tussing, who had not been a member of the Patrol prior.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Let me...let me explore that just a little bit. In your experience over all those years, you're telling...I guess I'm understanding that this was not a problem for many, many years. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Far as I know, no, it wasn't.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So what you're really saying is that, because of an individual who apparently had different ideas, these kind of rules, as far as quotas, were sort of brought down to the