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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I'm required to have 50 continuing hours of credit every two years and I have to pay for every one of them credits myself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why should people who want to go into law enforcement not have to pay for their continuing education?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I've never understood that myself, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why should they not pay their tuition?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I do not understand that either, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When a person becomes a law enforcement officer, is he or she a volunteer or is he or she paid a salary?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: A volunteer. They volunteer for the job but they are also paid a salary, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're not able to really give a strong justification for keeping this money for the purpose that it is to be used, in view of what others who belong to other professions have to do as far as paying their way?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: The only think I can say about it, Senator Chambers, is I think at this point it may be a very big change to have to do this fast but I will look at it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much does this bill mean to you?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: It's a bill that I've worked on for eight years. I think it would be a big benefit for the state and for the people in the state. It would give us better police officers. I think it would save us or the taxpayers some of the money, and I think it's a very important bill, but no bill do I personalize to the point that I will give up any of my principles or careers for.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, your careers? Plural?