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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...consists of.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. This is a...first of all, it has nothing to do with the DARE grant. This is a new program using federal dollars that provides for six officers to be stationed in areas across Nebraska in a community policing function. A community service officer would be assigned to each troop area and would serve as a point of contact for crime prevention and community service programs. They will coordinate activities on child physical or sexual abuse and neglect, domestic violence, juvenile law and procedures, substance abuse, and violence prevention, the physical security of businesses, and individual protection, and they will be responsible for developing working relationships with public and private agencies, businesses, religious bodies, schools, and the media. This is a three-year grant upon which, at the end of the time, we would be required to pick it up, of course, but it's a phase-in federal program.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Wehrbein, from what you've read, these individuals are not going to do any of this work, all they are...they will serve the role something like public relations people for the State Patrol more or less?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I cannot exactly describe their job description except that what you said is true. I assume they would be available for contact to some degree but it is one in each troop, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I do not see this as a true law enforcement function. If we were talking about a program where state troopers who work in various communities, although that is not going to happen, it would have to be a local police force, where they do have what they call community policing, where the officers get out of the cars, off the bicycles, they walk the beat, they visit with people, they make contact with organizations, but they are first and foremost sworn officers and the community policing is merely the means or methodology according to which they carry out their functions. But to put up \$176,000 for public relations people for the Patrol I think is an unwise expenditure of money. I had read in the paper rumblings by the Governor that he is going to veto, veto, veto, and nobody stood on the floor and said he should