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should not the city bear the liability for any innocent third party who might be injured as a result of people acting under this ordinance?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Are you asking me, Senator? I would say that liability is a smart thing but I don't know that the city should have to absolutely be the one that carries that liability. Maybe the city would ask in their...in drawing up their regulations and stuff of how this is doing, that the organization would have to have a liability policy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that would be discriminatory because there would be some groups that could have that and others wouldn't have the amount of money to pay for that, because we're talking about these groups that are interested in raising money for charities. So we should not say that there is going to be a license fee that you pay in the form of a liability insurance policy, which maybe a contract that a fireman operates under might have, or that a police officer operates under might have. That's all I'll ask you though, Senator Pedersen. I don't want you to just have to stand there. There is nothing in the law right now that authorizes this. Once the ordinance is passed, you're inviting people to come and do this. Senator Synowiecki knows that, but he put his name on the bill so how can he do anything other than support it? But the fact is an affirmative enactment by the Legislature or a city inviting people to stand in traffic is not wise. I don't care what the purpose of it is. If you're going to say any means is appropriate as long as the end is of value, you're violating one of Senator Foley's principles, that the end does not justify the means. And I know his opinion carries a lot of weight around here. Based on that, let me set up some...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of those sawhorses and stop the traffic and make people donate before they can go. Let them become true highway persons on the order that Senator Johnson was talking about. I do not believe anything I've said is an overstatement. I say again, though, it's one thing to have people just out there doing this and another thing to enact an ordinance. You