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no intent for the State Patrol to take over all security. For one thing, they don't have the manpower to do that. It would take years and years and a lot of funding for them to take over the whole security of this whole building. But I do see the need for them to oversee security in the building, as they are much more knowledgeable to what is going on in the state than DAS is on security threats. And with that, I'd yield the rest of my time to the Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Mossey. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate what the freshman Senator Friend said. We ought to express our views, no matter how strong they are or how deeply held. But in the same way that my view, when expressed and disagreed with, is going to be spoken to, I speak in opposition to views expressed that I disagree with. And I didn't say Senator Friend is not at war. I said he might be. I'm not at war. No Iraqi is mad at me. I'm not mad at any Iraqi. I even told the other day what makes me feel a kinship to Saddam Hussein. But when I look, since that subject has come up...and I didn't bring it up first. The subject was brought up, and it brought me up to this floor. And I will express my views, and I expect all the senators to do the...no, I wish they would all do the same. But in case anybody misunderstood what was said, I will talk on this floor to anybody, and I'll talk to anybody anywhere else they want to talk to me. So if there are any veiled threats or challenges made to me, I will accept the challenge here and will deal with it with words. But if somebody has another idea, then we can deal with it that way too. I might be as old as dirt, I might be weaker than cream, I may not be able to lick my lips, but if somebody wants to put me to the test, I'll certainly do the best that these old bones will allow me to do. But here's something that people in this country are falling prey to--an atmosphere of dread, uncertainty, and fear to leave their homes, when nothing is going to happen to them. And when the Legislature behaves in a certain way...and we're the ones to whom the public should be able to look for calm, reasoned judgments, even when we're dealing with very distressing things...and we do not come across