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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mossey, is there another police association, other than the Omaha, which is opposed to this bill? Or are all of them neutral? Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR MOSSEY: All of the organizations that represent the officers that work the street are neutral. The Police Officers' Association of Nebraska is majorly made up of command officers, and never had a vote of their membership before writing the letter of opposition. I was going to address that at a future time. But as far as the officers that work the streets, not the administrative aspect of law enforcement, that portion has not come out in opposition to the carry concealed weapon bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, when you say all across the state, you mean there's an organization to which every line officer belongs?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Basically, just about...the Fraternal Order of Police represents basically...after you get outside of Lincoln, the Fraternal Order of Police represents almost all of law enforcement outside there. And a majority of the presence is inside...some inside Lincoln, Omaha. But as you know, most people on the Omaha Police Department, members of the Omaha Police Union, they have other various smaller agencies that represent them, much as the Latino Police Officers' Association and the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they support this bill, LB 265, the Latino Police Officers' Association?

SENATOR MOSSEY: I don't know. I do know a lot of members of the Latino Police Officer Association are also members of the Omaha Police Union.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're not speaking for the Latino Police Officers' Association when you say that there's this...

SENATOR MOSSEY: No, I was speaking in regards to the position of the Omaha Police Union, which represents the officers that