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the case this morning. Have you been made aware by anybody of problems developing with people who have licenses with the number of hours that currently is required? Are you aware of any rogue detectives, in other words, who have qualified under the present system?

SENATOR BURLING: I am aware of one that the Secretary of State told me about that qualified under the present system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that number of hours under the present system, for the record, is what?

SENATOR BURLING: Three thousand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this would cut it...the way you offered the amendment, it would have cut that number of hours in half?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since I know you're not pursuing the amendment, I can ask you these questions now that I didn't ask you before. Who suggested the 1,500-hour number, if you know?

SENATOR BURLING: Secretary John Gale.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did he have any rationale? Or he just felt since maybe, in his mind, there was no reason for having the current number, you'd do just as well if you cut it in half? Could that have been his reasoning? Or did he give any basis for selecting this number?

SENATOR BURLING: His reasoning was that when he found out that states around us had no requirement, and the regulation adopted by the Secretary of State's Office was 3,000, he thought that 1,500 was a good compromise.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If he had discovered that the surrounding states required 6,000 hours, do you think he would have said Nebraska ought to have 5,000 hours?

SENATOR BURLING: I don't know.