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to LB 304. But pursuant to the rules, the first amendment is offered by Senator Synowiecki. (AM2309, Legislative Journal pages 386-389.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 304.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Mr. Clerk, that is AM2309, right, as far as...thank you. AM2309, members, represents a very scaled-down and what was hoped to be a compromise version of LB 304. It replaces the bill. During the interim, the Fraternal Order of Police worked diligently and went to great lengths to arrive at an agreement with Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska, otherwise known as PCAN. At one point, it was represented to the FOP that a majority of PCAN was on board and endorsed the bill. While the FOP ultimately failed to secure an agreement with PCAN, I can assure my colleagues that each reservation and concern brought to us by that group is addressed in the amended version. I further hope...furthermore hope that this amended version satisfies concerns about the bill brought to me by colleagues. So I encourage members to adopt the amendment to LB 304, AM2309. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. You heard the opening on AM2309, offered by Senator Synowiecki to LB 304. Now open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'm not rising to speak. I'm rising to say that I want to divide the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers and Senator Synowiecki, would you please come forward, and we'll decide how you wish to divide it. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill which I have opposed every time it has come before us. The police want this bill, some of them. And in the same way they use trickery and sleazy tactics on the street, they've used them on this bill. The lobbyists for this bill had talked to some of the Judiciary Committee members and said, the bill is not going anywhere, just give him a vote to