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question from Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: Now,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...Senator Chambers, realizing that my intent here is to make the bill better, I don't know what your intent is, but I do want to ask you a quick question. Senator Mossey brought this up. Earlier I talked about the definition of peace officer and I indicated that my belief is, is that the definition of peace officer would encompass any individual who works for a police department. So let me just read this to you. It says, "Peace officer means any employee of a police or sheriff's department," so any employee, "that is part of or administered by any political subdivision of the state who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the laws of the state." Now, I read that to mean that any...an employee of any political subdivision that is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime. Have you read this provision?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm looking at it now. I had scanned it.

SENATOR BOURNE: I think what the intent is, is that the drafter, the lobbyist that drafted this, wanted it to mean that a peace officer is an individual who works for a political subdivision that is also responsible for the prevention and detection of crime, but I think what they've actually done in this drafting is said that peace officer is any employee of a political subdivision, and that political subdivision is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime. Do you see what I'm trying to get at?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I see what you're saying. There's a more...there's a clearer way they could have expressed what it is they're trying to say here.

SENATOR BOURNE: Exactly. And so what I'm saying is that, while the bill itself is called the Peace Officer Employer-Employee Relations Act, I think the way the definition is worded now it