

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 13, 2006 LB 1175

a peace officer's, you know, other duties. I mean, I think that...the impetus behind language like this is to say, look, there are competent officials dealing with these issues in these second-class cities and villages. As competent as one in a metro area? Well, you know, to me that's...it's relative. It depends on who you get. But I do think that if they have the appropriate training...and as far as this language is concerned, if they have the appropriate training as to how to issue that particular citation, which is what they're supposed to have, then you're free...then the impetus behind it was that you're freeing peace officers up for other duties, instead of, you know, court time and everything else. I think that's the thought process. Could be misguided; I don't know. We can continue that conversation. What I...you know, I brought up the Alexander Hamilton thing, and we've established that he was a thinker and I'm not, and that's where I finished. Maybe I can quit right there. There was a point to this. This guy worked his whole life to debate for three days on a particular issue. I've worked almost my whole life to debate on all kinds of issues. These issues don't...this isn't it. I mean, I don't really know where we're going to go with this. But I think the lesson is here, and I'm not challenging Senator Chambers. I mean, I've learned enough in three years to know that it's almost like a, you know, one...I'm going to win one and lose ten of them. This is probably one of the other nine or ten. But you got to stand somewhere, and you've got to take the situation for what it is. We've established that I don't understand the framework and the arguments, the language, some of the things and some of the reasons why we're doing a lot of the specific provisions in here. But I guess I understand them well enough, and I understand what Senator Beutler...the reason that he brought the bill. We sat through the testimony. We sat through the hearing. We know what it's meant to do. We'll find out, hopefully, what it does when it's actually implemented, if it is. But like I said, I don't think there's any ulterior motive here. I think that it's a pretty simple effort to bring some consistency to an area of what I would say...what I would call urban affairs statutes that need some consistency.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.