

figured there would probably be more than one question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There may be. Senator Robinson, I'm looking at this issue from the standpoint of what is appropriate in terms of protecting the public's safety. Do you think the issue of public safety should be left to negotiation between the union and a city administration?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all I asked. Do you think it should be a subject of negotiation?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well evidently in Omaha it was brought that way, so, you know, in all bargaining agreements there's a give and take.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well evidently, and I don't know what happened in Omaha, but evidently they agreed to what...let me answer no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're taking too long in how to answer the question.

SENATOR ROBINSON: They agreed to what happened down there. Well I presume they agreed to this, then the union gained something or lost something on it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Robinson, I didn't phrase the question clearly. I'm not asking what the union thinks, the mayor thinks or anybody else thinks, I'm asking what Senator Robinson thinks. Senator Robinson, do you think that the issue of public safety should be left to a negotiated arrangement between the union and a city administration?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well I would say if it protects the citizens of that municipality or city or whatever it was, I guess I could agree with that if it protects the people.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the chief has stated and the record establishes that there is unequal law enforcement protection as a result of these negotiated agreements, do you think the Legislature should step in and ensure equal law enforcement