

reason that Senator Chambers brought the bill. I live in south Omaha. There is little difference between our two areas except Ernie's happens to be economically worse off than mine. It's the same socioeconomic class of people. Ernie's happen to be Afro-American, mine happen to be European-American. It is an area of town that two blocks from my house the young man was shot in a drive-by shooting a week or ten days ago. The same kinds of events go on in both our neighborhoods. It is a very serious problem and I would argue that he is right when he says that there will very likely or could possibly be violence this summer if things aren't taken into consideration. I hope that doesn't happen. I hope this puts people on notice that it is very important to raise the kind of tax dollars necessary to take care of those problems and raising tax dollars doesn't just mean putting more policemen on the force as the World-Herald advocated yesterday. It means providing opportunities and programs for kids this summer, making sure that the pools are open and that the money is there instead of having a situation where we're going to run government like a business and argue that that's how we will take care of things, that we can't afford to do some of these day care kinds of things as they have been called. We can't afford, ladies and gentlemen, at least in the Omaha area, not to do those things in my neighborhood and in Senator Chambers' neighborhood. But be that as it may, the issue behind LB 717 is one of do we get involved in the collective bargaining unit? The bill that we dealt with for 10 days, LB 757, I had an amendment up that was going to try to change and take out the issue of exempting collective bargaining units from the safety committee issue. If you remember way back then two weeks ago, this body voted that amendment down, saying no, we don't want to change the bill, we think collective bargaining units ought to be able to deal with these issues themselves and I argued at that time you know what's going to happen? Collective bargaining units are going to take the quarter an hour more and they're going to bargain away that safety committee in a New York second. This body said that doesn't matter. That's their ability, that's what they ought to do. I'm asking you to stick to your guns then on this issue when we come to 717 and vote it up or down on a kill motion later this week. The fact of the matter is, is that experienced officers don't always equal good officers. Many times experienced officers are so set in their ways, so out of shape, so prejudiced that they are the worst people that you can put in my neighborhood for purposes of dealing with some of these problems.