

a part of a stratagem by him to hurt the bill, to delay consideration of it, or anything else. He wants to see if the information he has told...has been told about has sufficient substance to address the issues that cause me to bring 717. I am agreeing to this bracket motion because of my attitude towards Senator Hall and not on the basis of anything any person from the Union has told him by way of a representation of what's going to happen. But I will tell you this much. It wouldn't be enough for me if they're going to leave all these new officers in my area. See, no area of the city wants all these new officers there. If it's such a good thing and they always give the best things to southwest Omaha, why don't they put all the rookies out there? If they are as capable of doing the job as officers with experience, put them out there and give us all the officers with experience, and I'm willing to take the risk that all these officers, because of their experience and seniority, are going to be bad apples. I would rather deal with them because at least they know the realities of life. So if all they do is take a couple of officers with more experience and put them into my area, that doesn't even touch the problem. Some of the difficulty that exists is outlined in that article I gave you the other day on the legal size...by the way, I know you all, some of you are not going to read this, but I hope those of you who are...who see the problem is serious will keep some of this material so that I won't hand it out again and look at the testimony that Lynn Rex gave to the Government Committee. I didn't ask her to come. I didn't even know she was going to testify, and she was testifying as a representative of the League of Municipalities. I say that racism is involved in this whole issue and I want the record to be crystal clear that the district I'm talking about is the district where black people live. I want that a part of this record. And I say again without fear of contradiction that if the same set of circumstances existed with reference to a white area of the city, it wouldn't take all this argument to get the Legislature to do something because on matters far less serious than this I've seen the Legislature jump to try to even out situations. As for saying that it should be left strictly to local people when those local people have shown themselves willing to bargain away the power to ensure equal law enforcement, there have been other situations relative to the schools and other areas where the Legislature felt it necessary to supplant what local people did because the issue was one of statewide concern and the Legislature had to do it. There is nothing, in my opinion, as important for the government to maintain as public safety. And