

for the people in this Legislature, all of whom are white, except me, to say that a contract agreement is so sanctified that if it includes bargaining away the right to equal law enforcement for black people, I say the racism is in this Legislature. And I want that in the record because if you kill the bill, I can't stop you, but then I can make an appeal to the federal government before the problems \*his summer and show that I went to the white people at the city level, they shut the door; I went to the white people at the state level to make the appeal, they shut the door, and the only one I can turn to is the federal government. I'm trying to use the system. I have credibility on the line...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because some of the young people in Omaha see this only as Ernie working with the police Chief. They don't understand all these issues. As I told a couple of my colleagues this morning, what do I have to gain from this? I'm not ingratiating myself with the cops. I'm losing credibility with some of the young men in my own community, so what do I stand to gain? Why would I bring...I don't need this to get elected. And you all sit here and refuse to do anything, but what you can do after Monday, go ahead and kill the bill, kill it. And you're not killing me, you're not hurting me, but you're going to create a situation in Omaha that's going to be very hot. And then if some of these officers start having things done to them, go to some of those who have talked to you and told you...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...don't do anything and nothing will happen. Send them out to solve the problem that you're unwilling to address in advance.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the bracket motion offered by Senator Hall. And I would like to address some of the statements made by Senator Chambers, just so that you're not left with the impression of...that some of the misinformation that he's just given you may leave. The...at this time, the law enforcement in the City of Omaha is very equitable. The Chief is not left without the