

that says that no two female officers will be allowed to work together? Will Senator Chambers bring that in next and claim that the women officers are not competent to handle these situations? These women were on their own for six months without this type of situation. I've had police officer after police officer tell me they would have done the same thing in the case of Scott Baldwin. The information that Senator Chambers is handing out, of course, is from the Chief of Police. What is he going to do when you offer him something like this to hear? We'll get into your collective bargaining agreements, we realize that you're not happy with it, but we'll just change it with legislation then. Then does that mean that anyone not happy with collective bargaining agreements from any party will be allowed to...or be able to go to the Legislature and we'll just vote on it and overturn collective bargaining agreements? The safety factor is not even...he's not even giving you the right information on the safety factor. We're not talking about great distances here. We're talking about minutes, minutes it takes to go from one area of Omaha to the other area of Omaha. We're talking about crime. There is definitely crime in my area. I think that is such a...an incredible misperception that Senator Chambers is trying to tell people, that it doesn't exist in southwest Omaha. Southwest Omaha district, when you're talking about assignment of police officers, begins at 42nd and Dodge which is the same place that northeast Omaha district begins at 42nd and Dodge when you're talking about assignment of police officers. We're talking about the same areas. Further out in Omaha, out in the farther reaches of southwest Omaha, we still have crime out there. I don't think there is anywhere on earth probably that we do not have crime, and, yes, we have terrible crime in some instances, rapes in the middle of the day, guns in our schools, drugs. We have these same problems. Maybe they're not as focused on or as glaring and, yes, they do have additional problems in some area of Omaha and they keep saying it's going to be a long, hot summer and if we keep saying that, some people are going to listen to it and go ahead and make it come true. But they do have the additional police officers to deal with that in that area too. So it's not like the information you're being given is complete. I hope to have another opportunity when we get to this bill, but what we're talking about right now is a bracket motion and I'm in favor of it and I hope you will vote for it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention again to the south