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SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you. I...I think the problem, and it's not just with me, I think it's all members of the body. I don't think there's any one that's sitting on this floor that doesn't want adequate policemen on the...in the area of where Senator Chambers resides, or his area, and I don't know for sure what that quadrant is. But I think...I think the problem is we really don't know, as individuals, how many police, I've heard the figure 30 percent or more assigned in the one, I guess it would be the northeast quadrant. And with the change that Senator Hall is talking about, and my problem is that is it...should we get in...should we go in and break contracts that were put together by the chief of polic...or, excuse me, by the police union and the City of Omaha? You know, there are things I don't like about subdivisions. If we do this, if we pass 717 can we come in and say, all right, we're going to look at your budgets and we're going to change those budgets, you're spending too much money. I don't know. Maybe we ought to...I mean if we're going to do this on this, maybe we ought to take a good look at the budgets around the state. I know there's a couple I'd like to look at. But do you think we should do that? No, I don't think we should do that because they have elected officials, like they do in Omaha. But there are several issues like that. But I don't....And, Senator Chambers, there's no one in here that doesn't want adequate police protection in the northwest quadrant, but it's how we do it. And I...I'll vote to move it onto Select, but I'm going to have a very tough time voting for 717 until I'm convinced that there's not enough police protection in your area. And I know you're sincere, but I think we got to lay it out, because I don't think many people in here really know. I could ask Senator Landis, I could ask Senator Avery, I could ask Senator Wehrbein, I don't think they could tell me. I'm not sure. But I think that's the issue right there. Hopefully it can be done. Maybe by moving it to Select maybe something is going to happen in Omaha to take care of the situation, I hope...I hope it does. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, members. I've listened to the debate and to Senator Chambers' explanation, and I've thought a lot about this bill. Obviously I've been talked to by the police union and every...by everyone...by those individuals that have talked to everybody else about this issue.