

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We are unique in Nebraska in that we have collective bargaining statutes that create this Commission of Industrial Relations and create, similar to the National Labor Relations Board, unfair labor practice actions which can be brought pursuant to the Commission of Industrial Relations Act. And we have an arena to...to...for those disputes to be heard, and that is somewhat unique in Nebraska. So if this is, in effect, a veiled attempt to try to harass any officer of the union, or anybody else involved in collective bargaining on behalf of the union, there is a remedy in the collective bargaining statutes. So I think again, at least at the point of General File debate, we need to rise above that issue and we need to talk about public safety. Has Senator Chambers made out a case, or just have the circumstances within the City of Omaha made a case for looking at geographic distribution of officers as something that should not be bargainable. And I think at least in my mind a case...the burden has been met on General File to move this bill ahead. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce a very special guest of the Legislature today. With us, under the south balcony, we have Carl-Dieter Spranger, the German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development. He is the first German cabinet member ever to visit Nebraska. And his delegation includes Gunter Wasserberg from Chicago. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you very much for being here. Next speaker is Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I'd like to call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Witek, would you like to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I know people