

are anxious to get on with the agenda and so am I, so I would ask you to kill this bill and keep it in the arena that it belongs, not in the Legislature, but between the City of Omaha and the Omaha Police Department. This is not an area I believe we should get into. Those people in both the department and in the city are as concerned or more concerned about the safety of these individuals in the City of Omaha than possibly members of this body. They have more information than possibly that we have access to, so they can make better informed decisions. It's not a decision I think we should be asked to make. I don't think we have received information...enough information that...that areas of the city are not safe to support this kind of...of jumping into their collective bargaining agreements. Not...the police chief does not say that those areas are not safe. He says when he...when you look at his letters, his letters call for just returning the authority to assign 100 percent officers. At this time he has the authority for 50 percent officers. He does not speak to the safety issue. He, I'm sure, believes that this is a very equitable distribution of officers at this time. This issue was not brought up until Senator Chambers brought it up, and I believe the reason he had brought it up was the Scott Baldwin incident. And I don't agree with him that reassignment of officers would have changed what occurred in that incidence. I would ask you to kill this bill, to consider very carefully that we are involving ourselves in collectively bargained agreements. These people are capable of making these agreements, they are concerned when making these agreements. It is not something we should spend time with here in the Legislature, and I would ask that you kill this bill. I don't believe it needs to go on to Select File for any reason whatsoever.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Witek. You've heard the closing. We will now vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

SENATOR WITEK: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...call vote, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to go under call.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members, please