

and say, who made the mistake and where was the first mistake made. The problem is that that's somewhat of a...that analysis is somewhat of a futile effort because no one is going to fuss up to who made the mistake and when. We have a problem that exists and it should be solved locally. It should be solved locally and it's my hope that between now and Select File that...or certainly at some point in this process that the city, the chief, the police union representatives can get together and solve the problem and the one that's been identified to me is getting the high...getting high skilled, highly skilled and experienced police officers into the troubled areas or high crime areas of the city. I would also suggest, one of the arguments that was given to me by police officers why they don't want this changed is because the more experienced officers do not want to go back into some of those high crime areas and I absolutely understand that. If you've been on the force for 10 or 15 years and you have seniority and you don't want to go back into those...

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SENATOR ASHFORD: ...high crime areas that that is something that probably all of us would agree with. I don't...I deserved a chance not...I deserve the right not to go back into a high crime area so I understand that that feeling is out there. But I think taking all of those things into consideration I would hope that the Legislature, in discussing this issue will then encourage the city and the police union to try to resolve, bring us something between now and Select File that addresses Senator Chambers' concern, which is a real, real concern. It does exist in the east of 72nd Street sectors in our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to oppose this amendment because I think, frankly, it is irrelevant to the issue. I don't think, I think Senator Ashford pointed out the likelihood of this law being imposed on the present contract is probably slim and none. At best it would make a great court case where time, effort and money would be spent debating it and deciding whether or not it applied. The current contract runs through the...roughly the middle of December of