

league of cities was to try to con some of you who represent small towns into voting for it. Ernie knows that. I know that. You all know that. You're not going to be turned on this issue because a league of cities' endorsement indicates that maybe somebody thinks it's a good idea in some of your small towns, but also, more importantly, just because some of us have been here longer than others doesn't mean we're more competent than any of you either. New senators are competent, just as old senators are competent, but also new senators are incompetent just as old senators are incompetent. Hasn't got anything to do with anything. It has to do with being able to manage and have working conditions that make sense and everything, almost everything we've talked about has nothing to do with that. There was an incidence, and probably many more that we could point to, to indicate that something should be done about the problem. It shouldn't be made a racial issue. How much time have I got, Mr. Chairman...Mr. Speaker? Do you know? How much time do I...

SPEAKER BAACK: About a minute and a half.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, I can tell you the story. One of my daughters getting married here a few years ago, I picked up my mom. We were coming down...we turned off of Dodge. Some guy in a big Cadillac ran up behind me and smashed me. Hurt my mom. We obviously, policeman came to investigate the accident, it's on a Sunday or on a Saturday afternoon, was a black officer. He looked at my license and it had expired. The law is clear--I can't drive. I said, but look, officer, I can't...I won't be able to make my daughter's wedding with my mom. He said, I'm sorry, it's the law. Should I have been upset? Could I have thought to myself in my own mind saying, well, he's a black officer and I'm a white guy so it's just racism, that's all it is? But, you know, he was...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...doing his job. He was doing the right thing and I was wrong and, to tell you the truth, I walked up the street to KMTV or KETV where it was and I rung the bell and they let me in and I made a phone call and we got to the wedding about 15, 20 minutes late and parked my car. We can go...we can go on and on with litanies of the excuses and reasons of why we should change something. This is not something we should mess with. It's not a legitimate piece of legislation. The state