

Patrol and was when I worked for them and still am and, as Senator Chambers said, I think we select the best people out here through applications and through background checks and I think these people are capable of going out and doing a very good job. There may be a few that don't pull their load, as there is in any occupation, but I think there's better ways than having a quota and, with that, I would give Senator Chambers the rest of my time. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Chambers, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. President, I'm not going to...I'm not going to draw this out because, as I told you, I'm going to withdraw the motion so this now has nothing to do with Senator Pirsch's proposal 'cause that will probably go anyway. I'll vote against it, I want to make that clear, but I'm not going to offer any motions and the amendment that I had up there was in seriousness when I offered it, but I'm not, 'cause I do think this is more important. I can imagine how I would feel if the public had the one for whom I work give the impression that I'm not doing my job on something which really is insignificant, like writing traffic tickets. If I can't be trusted in writing traffic tickets, what about all this drug work, all these other things that are being discussed that the patrol is involved in? Well, I probably shouldn't be trusted in that either. I think it was a mistake that the Colonel made, but it's never too late to do right. And I would hope that if the Colonel is aware that there are people with differing points of view he'll reevaluate this policy. When Senator Schmitt mentioned an unwritten policy, that doesn't mean that people just had an understanding you have to write a hundred tickets. What he meant is that in law enforcement it becomes clear after a period of years what a conscientious officer is going to achieve in any given area and you never write down in items you have to get this many tickets, you have to write this many for a broken tail lights 'cause we know there's many broken tail lights out there and so forth. You look at the overall job performance and you're not going to pick one thing as insignificant as this out and use it as the primary means by which you judge the officer. It makes it easy, I will admit, for an evaluator. I just count the number of tickets and if you didn't get that number you get written down. If you live or work near Omaha or Lincoln, then you just start writing more tickets and you come closer to getting a promotion, even though what you did may have created a very sour taste in