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What I've explained to you is the amendment which will become the bill. For those of you who were contacted by your local sheriff and told that this would do him out of a job perhaps, I repeat -- it has nothing to do with the way the sheriff gets his job. All of that is amended out. What I've explained to you becomes the bill.

So I move, along with Senator Rasmussen, that the committee amendments to LB 432 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Will Senator Chambers yield to a question? Senator Chambers, is it your opinion that the people there, that listened to the testimony and who testified, had the opportunity to put input into the revised proposal?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is what was mostly discussed. It was a problem, primarily, in Douglas County. As the Committee members can point out, the Chief Deputy of the sheriff was there and fielded questions about all of this.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Concerning what you ultimately propose, do you think they had a fair chance for input? There would be no reason to ask us to have another public hearing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Then in Senator Rasmussen's Committee Statement it points out that most of the testimony related to this amended version. That's what

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well I've been visiting with your Committee colleagues and that's what they have told me, but I am wondering if the interested people had a chance for input after knowing that you probably were going to have a new bill by virtue of these amendments?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, I almost said Senator Rasmussen. Senator Dickinson, I confuse Senator Nichol with Senator Duis over here. Here's what I'm trying to get to. Senator Dickinson, there are certain lobbying groups that always appear on law enforcement matters. When you have this group that represents the Nebraska Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association, they usually show up. Since the biggest problem is Douglas County and you had the Chief Deputy of Douglas County who always represents the Sheriff, then all of the interested groups were there.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I understand that. But do you think it's perfectly fair to just go ahead without them, that they have had their input and that they are satisfied with the input that they've had at the hearing?