

more than one unmarked patrol car in any one of four of the six. So the use of the unmarked patrol cars is strictly curtailed under this amendment. It limits the effect of the bill and I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Von Minden. Okay. And Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is clear from the amendment that Senator Beutler is offering that this is just the first step in trying to get a broader use of these unmarked cars. If you look at the map he handed out, it is clear that four of these cars can have no significant impact on traffic regulation, period. But if you adopt his bill, which is what he primarily wants, which accepts the policy of using unmarked cars by the State Patrol, then it will not be as difficult next time to expand the use of these cars. I don't think even the State Patrol would indicate to you that four cars throughout...scattered throughout the entire state can have any meaningful impact on anything. But the problem would still arise of the public being made aware that the State Patrol is using unmarked cars. It has been shown repeatedly, and I handed you some material not long ago which I will go into more detail on later, that people, regardless of how unwise, will pull over if a vehicle conducts itself or is conducted in such fashion as to make the person think it is driven by a law enforcement officer. There has been no indication that what Senator Beutler is trying to do is necessary. So because of the possible harm that can result and the minimal amount of good, if any good, which can result, I think his amendment ought to be rejected and we ought to look at the bill for what it is, a change in the basic law enforcement policy of this state. The law enforcement duties of the State Patrol have never been equated with those of a "state police force". The State Patrol in Nebraska is significantly different in its conduct and operations than a state police force. Nebraska does not, in fact, have a state police force and Nebraska ought not have one. The primary aim of the State Patrol in its inception was to patrol the highways and it used to be called the "Safety Patrol" or something to that effect.