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bill, I think as Senator Chambers was reading it, and...and I...and I think it's a legitimate question, you can interpret the bill to suggest that perhaps they do have expanded powers, even though they don't receive additional training and they don't elect to become appointed to the Patrol. So this amendment, AM3029, strikes the new matter at the top of page 7, which is lines 1...on lines 1 through 4, and reinstates the stricken matter, and that is the crux of what the Chambers amendment was proposing to do. However, then on page 8, in order for us to continue with what my intentions were in the bill originally, we go on to attempt to clarify, on page 8, lines 14 through 19, we strike the existing language and we insert the language in the amendment. Now, again, what I am trying to clarify, and I want to make this as crystal clear as I can on the record, carrier enforcement officers who were appointed to the carrier enforcement division before LB 470 would become law have the powers and duties that Senator Chambers was referencing us to yesterday in Chapter 60, 60-1301 to 60-1309. They have no more than that. They have nothing...nothing expanded beyond those powers and that's the way it is. Now, if they are appointed to that division after the effective date of this act, they will have the additional enforcement powers and duties that are listed in this...in this bill. And so that is what I am clarifying with this amendment and I know it doesn't go as far as Senator Chambers would like to go. He and I have had a couple of conversations about that either, but I think this is an improvement in terms of clarification and I believe that...that it improves the bill. So, with that, I will not take any more of the time of my opening and I will be glad to try to respond to questions or comments if there are any. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature and that contrary Senator Bromm from Wahoo, I came here today ready to take all of the afternoon on LB 470. I was ready. I had arguments I hadn't even given yet. Then Senator Bromm brings an amendment that is moving in the proper direction, in my opinion. The Speaker had discussed some problems that he may