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all, it is curious to me, I am supporting the amendment, and it is a little curious to me that there have been no examples given of an existing problem. You often hear in this Legislature if there is nothing wrong why fix it, and I am wondering what is wrong with our laws as they exist now with regard to the police ability to control crowds. I don't know of any crowd that has been out of control recently. But part of the debate seems to be around the question of whether they have the tools to control crowds, and I believe that they do, and I just want to point out to the Legislature a couple of statutes that exist that were enacted in 1977 which I think go a long ways towards giving the police what they need to control crowds. One of them is called obstructing a police officer. A person commits an offense of obstructing a police officer when by using or threatening to use violence, force, physical interference or obstacle he intentionally obstructs, impairs or hinders the enforcement of a penal law or the preservation of the peace by a peace officer, or a judge acting under a color of his official authority. Now it seems to me that applies very directly to the crowd control situation. If anybody in a crowd obstructs a police officer in doing his duty, he is obstructing a police officer and it is a Class 1 misdemeanor which is more of an offense than what is being proposed today. There is another statute which puts an affirmative duty on people to help police officers in certain situations. This also would be applicable to a crowd control situation. 28-903, refusing to aid a peace officer, and basically it describes a couple of situations that would pertain to this particular instance under discussion which would require a person to aid....would put a positive duty on a person to aid a peace officer in seeing that criminals are apprehended or somebody that is violating the law is apprehended and then conveying that offender away from the scene. So I just want to bring it to the Legislature's attention that there are laws in effect that address themselves already to this problem and there has been no evidence as far as I can see that they have not been effective in dealing with the problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and members, would Senator Johnson yield to a question? This amendment, now what will this do to strikers?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, right now the way this bill is drafted we can have people engaged in absolutely lawful