

I stand with Senator Boquist. In my view, there is no rational reason that his response to the Governor's threat to unconstitutionally use police force to round up Republican Senators should be understood as a threat to OSP, much less to any of the other legislators or their staff. I consider the wording he used-- "send bachelors" and "come heavily armed"--to be intentionally hyperbolic, as was the threat that he would be put in leg irons and handcuffs and chained to his desk in an orange jumper. It should be obvious that neither of these statements was meant to be taken literally. Their words were chosen for emotional impact, as is the wont of politicians, and my hope is that reason will win over emotion in this hearing. Senator Boquist did not threaten. He warned that he would resist should a threat against him be carried out.

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