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00:42:23	Johnson	Thank you, Chairman Siddoway. And Committee, we now have before us Senate Bill 1147, and to present that is Chairman Siddoway. Chairman Siddoway, the time is yours.	(Siddoway had just passed the gavel to Johnson to preside over this item)
00:42:33	Siddoway	<p>Thank you. Committee, an old, old, old Senator called me on the phone a couple of weeks ago, and I guess he ran into this provision while working on the City of Coeur d'Alene budget.</p> <p>He found that there are many, many ways to raise money through an election of bond and levies, but when they got down to paragraph, er, subsection six of this bill, he found that there wasn't the ability for the police to raise money through these same markets.</p> <p>The same thing that they use for constructing curbs and sidewalks, improving streets, any outstanding debts that the city may have, or liabilities, establishment of hospitals, fire equipment, purchase of parks and equipment to go in parks, zoos, other city corporate limit things that are needed in those cities, construction of libraries, improvement on airports and flood control, any buildings for public use. All of those, they're able to raise money for those under the authorities, under section fifty-ten-dash-nineteen.</p> <p>And so working with Senator Hammond, he asked if we would put together this bill for your consideration to allow those same entities to also use that funding mechanism to purchase police cars as well as fire equipment.</p> <p>And so that's pretty much it, Committee. I think it's</p>	

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		pretty non-invasive, but pretty self-explanatory there. So, with that, Senator Rice.	
00:45:19	Rice	Mr. Chairman... You know, I'm going to make a motion because this is also quite interesting because it also extends that ability to number eleven on transit systems which up 'til now is probably one of the big jokes in the code section because it only applies to sections one through ten, and transit systems are number eleven. So I move that we send Senate Bill eleven-forty-seven to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation".	
00:46:12	Johnson	It's been moved by Senator Rice, seconded by Senator Siddoway to send Senate Bill eleven-forty-seven to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation. Committee, are there any further comments or discussion? [procedural discussion with unidentified persons] Well, thank you for that correction, Senator Stennett, so let me just restate it. It's been moved Senator Rice, seconded by Senator Stennett, thank you, that we send Senate Bill eleven-forty-seven to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation. Committee, are there any questions or concerns to share? Senator Vick.	
00:46:49	Vick	Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for Senator Siddoway. He might...if he would yield...	
00:46:57	Un-ident.	Go ahead.	
00:47:01	Vick	You said that they want to use this money to buy police cars? Is that what I heard you say?	
00:47:10	Johnson	Senator Siddoway?	
00:47:11	Siddoway	Senator Vick. That's right, and not only police cars, but it may include buildings and structures also required by the police department.	
00:47:26	Johnson	Senator Vick?	

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00:47:29	Vick	Did he give you – it just seems to bond for police cars doesn't necessarily seem like a good idea to me. Did he explain his reasoning for that?	
00:47:43	Johnson	Senator Siddoway?	
00:47:45	Siddoway	Well, when they were working on their city budgets, I guess there was a need there to enhance their police operations, and I don't recall specifically that he told me it was cars or equipment or building. But that was the need, and the need was there and the money wasn't , so they, that he suggested that this fit in with all of these other needs within the city, and that that would help resolve the problem that they had there if they were able to go out and bond on, to get those facilities or equipment. But I don't believe he said "cars," and if I said that, I'm probably wrong. It was equipment. 00:48:54	[emphasis mine]
00:48:54	Vick	Okay. Well, I do have some concerns about that, but I'll let that rest for the moment.	
00:49:01	Johnson	Committee, further questions? Senator Burgoyne?	
00:49:05	Burgoyne	Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I share Senator Vick's concerns, and the concern I have is to bond for what is likely to be a depreciating asset does seem a little incongruous. However, the structure of the provision has allowed this for fire departments, so I'm going to convince myself we're not really changing the policy here, and I'll support the motion.	
00:49:38	Johnson	Thank you, Senator Burgoyne. Committee, further questions? Okay, Committee. I would entertain a motion.	
00:49:52	Un-ident	Already got one; seconded.	
00:49:55	Johnson	We're in the voting stage. Wow! Okay, committee, I'll call for the question. All in favor please signify by saying "aye."	
00:50:05	Several	"Aye"	

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00:50:06	Johnson	Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Thank you committee. And I will pass the gavel back to our Chairman Siddoway.	