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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Reutzel. Senator Newell, a question? Yes. Oh, you want to call for the question?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well actually Senator Reutzel is the only one left to...

SENATOR CLARK: Oh no, oh no, my light is on.

SENATOR REUTZEL: My light isn't on.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Oh, Clark's light is on. Alright. Well Senator Newell calls for the question. Do I see fine hands? Okay, he withdraws in favor of Senator Clark. Senator Clark, go ahead.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members I'm just like Senator Rasmussen. I certainly oppose this. It is already illegal to have a deer in your possession, if you are out there, if you are going to have a restriction like this, how about people who carry shot guns when they are turkey hunting, and they don't have a license. It says here that you can't use any shot bigger than No. 4 shot, which would be silly on turkeys in the first place. I think that this is an infringement on peoples' rights to own guns, to carry guns. I carry a rifle in my car pretty much all of the time, and I wouldn't hunt a deer in this state if you gave me the license free. But, I do hunt some coyotes in there. I think that it is absolutely an infringement upon peoples' right to carry a gun. I would certainly urge to reject the amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Nichol? Alright. Senator Schmit, you may close. No closing. The motion before the House is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays Mr. President on the motion to adopt the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Schmit amendment is adopted. We are now on the committee amendment as amended. Senator Dworak, did you wish to speak to the committee amendment? On 75 yes. You don't care too. Alright, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I move to adopt the committee amendment as amended. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I strongly oppose this amendment. I don't know what the attitude in eastern Nebraska or central Nebraska is but I do know what it is, or I think I do, in the western part of Nebraska where many people carry guns or shot guns most of the time. They carry them for various reasons other than shooting deer. Most of us don't hunt deer in fact but people do use those for killing skunks, rattle snakes, crows, gophers, ground squirrels, and things of this nature. Now it does seem that anybody that is out hunting deer better have a deer license, and that the people enforcing the law have a problem, I don't know what the problem would be. All they need to do is ask the person if they are hunting deer, and if they have a deer license, let them go. If