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firing experience that they aren't currently receiving, unless their agency firearms policy requires it. And I have an amendment there that was passed out that clarifies the language that requires the training center to adopt rules for when an officer fails to qualify. The intent of LB 1055, to implement a statewide minimum standard for firearms proficiency for all law enforcement officers. We don't have a minimum standard now, and I feel that we should, because I think this is lax in the small departments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Schmitt would move to amend. Senator, I have your amendment 3083, it's found on page 764 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmitt to open on his amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes the amendment, on page 4, line 26, strike "training" and insert "qualification". And then on page 5, line 1, strike "free of charge" and insert "at no cost", and in line 3, after the period, insert, "The Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for requalification for the case in which a law enforcement officer fails to qualify. The peace officer status, if a law enforcement officer fails to qualify, shall be determined by the person in charge of the law enforcement agency where the law enforcement officer is employed." And, with that, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. (laugh) nobody...people who did not see that would...might think that "Q" was on my side this morning. But anyway, Senator Schmitt, I would like to ask you a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I hope Senator Beutler will be successful in addressing some of the other matters that are in this bill. I was so concerned, before I ask you this question I want to