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CLERK: Mr. President, some items. Senator Beutler, a series of amendments to LB 142 to be printed. I have a new resolution, LR 59, by Senator Chris Peterson (read brief summary). And Enrollment and Review reports LB 68, (LB) 101, and (LB) 324 as correctly engrossed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. Thank you. (See pages 1228-1245 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Crosby and Mr. Speaker. Is Senator Janssen here? I'd like to ask him a question, if I may. Or maybe I'll just begin to comment. If you look, in the green copy of the bill, starting on page 41, line 28, you will see what the existing law is. Carrying a concealed weapon is a Class I misdemeanor. It's a Class I misdemeanor if I hide a gun in my clothes now. If you go back one page, listen to this, and this is new language being offered by Senator Janssen's bill. A person who makes a false statement under oath or equivalent affirmation, or swears or affirms the truth of such a statement previous made, when he or she does not believe the statement to be true, is guilty of a Class IV felony, if the falsification is made on an application form or renewal form. Senator Janssen, if I make a false statement on an application to carry a concealed weapon, it's a Class IV felony. If I carry a concealed weapon it's a Class I misdemeanor. Why should I run the risk and go through all of this stuff you're talking about, with all these felonies, if I make a false statement, when to carry a concealed weapon is a Class I misdemeanor?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What kind of sense does that make?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, it just...it...it tells you that if you make a false statement, if you're lying on that application, I...what...what...what is the penalty if you...if you...