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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Chambers, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to support the committee amendment. I do believe some kind of regulation is necessary, but there is so much, if we're going to regulate, as Senator Bourne said, as I had said the first time I spoke, that we should do, if we can, considerable discussing, other than on the floor. But if that can't be done, then we'll take the time on the floor. The bill, in the form that it's in now, could not be supported by me. Senator Bourne touched on some of the things I didn't go into, such as definitions, but I had talked about one of the terms, and that was unlawful... "unlawful conduct," or whatever that is. Yes, "unlawful conduct" on page 3, starting in line 7. If this unlawful conduct had not been engaged in within the previous 12 months, then apparently you can get a license. Maybe some of this unlawful conduct is the kind that would prevent you from carrying a weapon legally, such as domestic violence. So that is something that needs to be looked into, to see exactly what is being said and what is being intended, because I don't want people getting a permit to carry a pistol from the Secretary of State if, under the law, as it exists now, they could not carry a pistol. I also have a difficulty with saying that this bill trumps a provision of the statute that currently exists relative to carrying concealed weapons. I want to know how many of these people are going to be dressed in plain clothes and carrying concealed weapons. They are not sworn officers. You don't know this person from Adam's house cat, and he or she may come up to you and pull a pistol. Well, how do you know that they're... this is a rent-a-cop or, as they used to say in the old days when they were angry with anything in a uniform, a rent-a-pig? How do you know? It's just somebody who came up and drew a gun on you, and you think this person is as illegal as I am, so you whip out your .45 and he points his .45 at you. And you know what happens? If you're like Billy the Kid and Jesse James... people don't realize that they had a duel. I don't think Senator Kopplin even knew that. But they met on a dusty street in a little dusty town on a very dusty day wearing dusty clothes and had an attitude to match, and neither was