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and not on political affiliation. The other day, I received a letter from the Republican organization that said concealed hand carry is a core Republican belief; therefore, I must support it, since I'm a Republican and have been all of my life. And then today, I received a copy of an e-mail that was sent by the Republican organization, presumably to all the Republicans they could think of, suggesting that we must protect your Second Amendment rights, and you must act now. And it said that there was going to be a filibuster and that we should vote to cease the filibuster. And it says, please contact the following swing senators and encourage them to vote for cloture, and I won't name the six senators on here, but my name is one of those. And they say that this deserves a fair vote and that I would be depriving the people of a fair vote if I didn't vote for cloture. Well, I didn't vote for cloture, but not because Senator Jeanne Combs didn't do a really good job and that she had a worthwhile proposal. I was frankly offended by a political organization suggesting that I should do something because of the political affiliation. I think that we should always maintain our integrity as state senators in a nonpartisan Legislature and view the issues before us on the basis of their quality. I just want to call your attention to the fact that we need to preserve this nonpartisan aspect. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Further discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I got ahold of a letter, which...it's from Mark Quandahl, oh holy Mark Quandahl, who, in the article I read the other day, said that he believed in the prayer, and he thought we should have prayer. And he now is the chairman of the Nebraska "Repelican" Party. And I'll read the last paragraph: As a Republican member of the Legislature, I think it is important for you to consider that LB 454 strikes at the very core of what we stand for, reflects the common-sense values rooted in Nebraskans everywhere, and is in accordance with both our state and national party platform. As debate begins, I truly hope that you lend your support to LB 454 and ensure that this critical piece of legislation finds its way to the Governor's desk. I had no idea that, from my Republican colleagues, guns is more