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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to be sure I understand how this works. They have to pass this, or at least they are going...they are required to take those qualification tests and they will either pass or fail. If they fail, what consequence attaches to that? Does that...does that mean they no longer can be officers, they no longer can carry weapons, or does it mean anything at all?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Well, basically, I guess that would probably be up to each individual department, but with the amendment that was passed out, which will be put on the bill here later I think, Senator Beutler, the amendment will allow the Director of the Training Center to develop rules for those officers who fail to qualify, and then the status of that officer will be determined by the head of the agency for which he or she works, but with this qualification, I guess my feeling, I think I could probably still pass it. It's relatively simple to qualify with this particular target, and if you couldn't, I think there would be rules and regulations with this amendment that would be set up by the Training Center so that these people could go back and take some training and requalify.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is this amendment going to be presented today?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yeah, it was just passed out by a Page.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and then with respect to this particular test, it's a little bit unusual in the sense that this paragraph describes things in great detail, including the type of target and the methods for scoring, and I guess I was wondering if you don't...if you don't talk about some sort of standard setting up of the...of the process after you've mentioned these details, what does it mean to omit other details. For example, it doesn't say at what range or how far away you are from the target. Doesn't that make a big difference in terms of how...

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes...