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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the sheriff couldn't shoot straight and the chief couldn't shoot straight, it would be difficult for the sheriff or the chief, as the case might be, to restrict the status of a deputy or a police officer who couldn't shoot straight. Isn't that true?

SENATOR SCHMITT: That could happen, I believe, Senator, yes. Although in dealing with a lot of people on the ranges and stuff, they work with these people, and I can't believe that somebody couldn't qualify, but it's possible that it could happen, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be opposed to considering doing something with these people who cannot qualify? And here's the point that I'm trying to make, all that we have is a pass/fail system. If you get 70 percent, that's good enough to pass. Is that right, under the bill?

SENATOR SCHMITT: No, I wouldn't have any problem working with you on that, Senator, to where we can work that out, because I think...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHMITT: ...that's the intent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because under 70 percent accuracy...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...standard, you could kill seven crooks and three civilians and still be a cop, huh?

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Senator Chambers. And, like I say, I'll be glad to work with you on that. But I believe this pass/fail, with this "Q" target, that you and I could probably even qualify with it, it's relatively simple.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well how about saying that any officer who did not qualify would become the "Q" target?

SENATOR SCHMITT: (Laugh.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm facetious with that.