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we discussed it last year, is in probably as ideal a shape as any right-to-carry law in any state in this country. It's probably the most restrictive of any law that any state currently has. Last year, we took the bill in...in the form. We went through it. We met with a lot of different individuals. We talked about how it could be improved. We went to a lot of different other states' laws, looked at that, how it would affect that. So I think the current form with the committee amendments of LB 476 is probably going to be the toughest legislation of any conceal carry in this country. You go up to South Dakota, you can pay \$10, get a permit to carry a concealed weapon, walk out the door. You have nothing except that permit. In this state, with this bill, you would have a course on how to handle a firearm, so this bill should actually be called, instead of concealed carry, it should be called a firearm education bill because that's what it is. Anybody that's willing to go through all of the background check, all of the training, is going to be able to know how to handle a gun, how to shoot a gun, how to store that weapon. Currently, under our state law, if you want to get a permit for a handgun you just go in and go through the background check and walk out the door. There's no training. This bill, the most important part of this bill, I think, is the actual training. The committee amendments and the bill, neither one, are going to actually prevent any criminal from having a handgun. They're going to have them and they'll always have weapons. There's nothing we can do in this state or any other state that is going to actually take the handguns out of the hands of the criminals. I wish there was, but there just isn't. So I think the committee amendments are a step in the right direction. I think this bill is probably in as good a form, once we get through with the committee amendments, as what it could...it could possibly be. So I would urge the body to approve the committee amendments, this section of it, and we'll go on and talk about the bill farther. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. For discussion on the first component of the divided committee amendment, Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives off. Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of