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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment, but, if I may, Natural Resources Committee will conduct an Executive Session at eleven o'clock. Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend this component of the committee amendments. (FA71 is found on page 1183 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to this section of the committee amendments to LB 476.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'm still in a friendly mood from our discussion this morning on the ag bill, so this is definitely a friendly amendment and it will reduce...well, it's going to put more money in the strike force fund, or whatever it's called. On page 22, Section 22, there is what's called the...the Concealed Handgun License Fund. It's created by this bill and all fees collected pursuant to this act will go into this fund. Maybe not all fees, some of them, but the one I'm dealing with would go into that fund. So if you want to see where I am, on the committee amendment I'm at lines 3 and 4 of the first page. It would be labeled also FA58. It is the one we're on now pursuant to the division. As the proposal is presented, the green copy amount would rise from \$75 to \$100. My amendment, in line 4, would strike the word "one" and insert "five". It would raise this nonrefundable fee to \$500. I take very seriously what is being done here today, and if others are serious who are on this bill, they should be very, very concerned about the steps leading up to a point where a person can get a permit to carry one of these guns. So we're talking about the applicant for one of these licenses. On page 4, Section 6 of the green copy, you see various things that the applicant is going to have to do, and we may as well make a complete record as we proceed. There's going to have to be submitted to the State Patrol a completed application, fingerprints, a photograph, which the Patrol itself shall take. I suppose that's to ensure that the person seeking the application is the one standing before the person representing the Patrol who is accepting this material. Then we get to a nonrefundable application fee, my amendment would say, of \$500. If a person is going to be allowed by the