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SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I just wanted to rise in support of the bill. I will probably oppose Senator Chambers' amendment on the \$500. I think that might be a little high. I can't afford that, although I may not get one. I haven't decided whether I really want to carry one or not. I do want to say that, as far as the rank and file of the law enforcement people out here, I don't believe that the majority of those oppose this. The administrative part of it do, but most of the guys that are working the street, working the road, I don't have...feel have a lot of fear of an individual that is going to go through the training and spend the money to get the concealed permit. The guy that's going to kill you is not going to worry about the permit. I guess I really don't have a fear of the guy carrying the concealed weapon. I probably have as much fear anymore driving down the highway and meeting people talking on cell phones as I do carrying guns, and I don't think we're going to outlaw those. Maybe we should have a concealed permit to carry cell phones. But I just had to stand up here I guess and let some of the new members of the body know that being in law enforcement all my years that I do support the concealed carry. The question I guess I ask the body, we always, when we introduce a bill, we bring a bill to the floor, we always compare to other states. Why is it Nebraska is only one of six or seven states that does not have the concealed carry? If it's such a problem, why would New York, California, Nevada, all these other states have one? And ours is a lot more restrictive than the other states, so just wanted to bring that out this morning as a little food for thought. And I noticed Senator Chambers was not disappointed that I would probably oppose his \$500 amendment, so appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, in discussing the overall impact of this bill I mentioned the various incidences of school violence across the country and I mentioned that a Georgia legislator had introduced legislation that would allow teachers to carry guns in school. I did not...and I let Senator Janssen know this, did not indicate that I felt that this bill would allow that or disallow that, so I wanted to make that clear. What I do want to make clear, however, is that I feel we, as policymakers, need to