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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. I'm going to support your amendment, as I supported the last amendment. And I want to continue my dialogue a little bit about the kinds of things this bill asks our law enforcement agencies to do. But before I do, Senator Chambers, I want to say that I, for one, would never want to be carrying "heat" as you describe it. And furthermore, I'm terribly offended when they say that women should feel safer once they're allowed to carry a concealed weapon. And furthermore, I'd like to say that the people who say this probably have never seen inside of a woman's purse, or they'd (laugh) know how difficult it's going to be to find that handgun in there when they need it. But anyway, I would like to talk just a little bit more about the provisions of the bill, because they are lengthy. And I'm probably going to miss some of them even as I talk about them. But I got to the part where the Patrol could either deny or approve an application, and how they would then have to inform the applicant of his or her right to a hearing. Then the Patrol has to also adopt and promulgate rules and regulations which shall enumerate the criminal history records to be checked. And then the Patrol has to prepare and publish minimum standards and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for handgun training and safety courses, and instructors to follow in order to be certified or approved by the State Patrol. So the State Patrol has to adopt the standards, they have to see that their people know how to do the training, and then they have to spend time getting this training done, as I read it anyway. And I may be wrong on that. Maybe the Patrol itself doesn't have to do the training, maybe they just have to approve the training. In addition to that, in another place in the bill, it talks about the renewal form and what the Patrol has to go through for the renewal form. And I did allude to that a little while ago. I'm not going to go through all the steps, but basically, it's the same steps they had to go through, as far as I can tell, in the first place. Then in addition to that, the Patrol has to...or not the Patrol, but there has to be a Law Enforcement Advisory Board created. And I hope my committee is paying attention right now, because this is another advisory board I want you to be aware of. The board shall consist of one peace officer from each of the following organizations: the Nebraska State Patrol, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Police Officers Association of