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this on the ballot for all Nebraskans to vote on?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Sure, I would.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, we have the de facto leader of the opposition of 476 saying willing to go on the ballot because Senator Kiel's so confident most Nebraskans aren't in favor of this; then Senator Ray Janssen, whose bill this is, who would be willing to have this on the ballot, 'cause he's convinced that most Nebraskans are in favor of this. Then the question that begs to be answered is, why don't we? Why don't we put this issue on the ballot to let Nebraskans decide? You know, I know that our position here, we're supposed to be making these tough decisions and so forth. I've been here four years. We've talked about issues like abortion, about the death penalty, about property taxes, a lot of different issues. Never advocated for this but, frankly, the emotions are running so high on each side of this issue that perhaps maybe more than one senator is having a hard time reading their constituency. We're here to represent our constituencies and, frankly, because of the conversations I've had, I'm kind of in a default mode in favor of 476 at this time because of all the conversations I've had going to the different neighborhood associations and so forth. But because the emotions are running so high, it does seem somewhat difficult at times to properly...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...read...read the districts. Maybe other senators have that same experience, but I think if there is an issue that should be put on the ballot to let all Nebraskans decide, I think perhaps this is one. And since the proponent of the bill and a major opponent of the bill both believe that their side would prevail and both would be willing to have this on the ballot, perhaps precisely that is what we should do, is have...advance the best version we can of 476 and then place it on the ballot for all Nebraskans to decide for themselves whether they want concealed weapons in their communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Beutler, Janssen, Schmitt, and