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bring out. But I did want to bring this out yet that we're dealing with the costs here. And I still had to stand up and say that I probably oppose Senator Chambers' amendment here, because I think he's still a little bit too high. So, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have a couple of things on my mind. I just got another call from another constituent, and he indicated that there was a discussion on KLIN Radio, this morning, and it concerned who would actually do the training on this...under this piece of legislation. And if this constituent relayed it to me correctly, I suppose you could argue that this would be a great economic development bill, because it's going to set up all of these subcontractors who are going to be in the business of actually certifying the gun owners and issuing the permits, or the certification. I thought that was kind of interesting. Secondly, with regard to Senator Hilgert's questions regarding how people in Nebraska feel, I don't think Senator Kiel mentioned again, but she mentioned yesterday about the poll that the University of Nebraska did. And in that poll, which was taken in 1997, under the auspices of the Crime Commission, guns were thought to be a major cause of crime by 71 percent. Only 22 percent of those surveyed felt that people should be allowed to carry concealed weapons; similarly, only 16 percent felt that society would be safer, in general, if people could carry concealed weapons. Additionally, 79 percent felt that concealed weapons would cause more gun violence in Nebraska. Now this is a study done by the Crime Commission, and I believe it was probably carried out with the help of the university, yes, the University of Nebraska telephone poll. To me that says a lot, but I'd like to add an experience that I had just this morning, in speaking with a service organization. Across the hall, was a statewide group, there were probably, I don't know, 50, 70 people in the group. And during the course of conversation I was talking about my legislative priorities for this year, and I just said, and, oh, by the way, one of my priorities is to see that this bill doesn't advance. And they just peppered me with a lot of questions about this bill. And I just...I figured they