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particularly concerned about Capitol security. From a personal perspective, neither am I. I've never felt in danger here. But, as senators, we are not here every day; our staff is. School children come here all the time. Tourists from around the world come here to visit. Regardless of our feelings about the state of our own security, we also need to think of the others. All that LB 439 does is allow the State Patrol to assume control of this Capitol security force from the Department of Administrative Services. It will allow individuals with law enforcement expertise to provide our security officers with the needed direction and support. It does not make any changes in policy or personnel, nor does it implement such major changes as metal detectors. What it does accomplish is to allow the State Patrol to examine current security measures and policies, and take steps to implement changes where they're needed. The State Patrol has the expertise and the training; DAS doesn't necessarily. The bill is neither a cure-all for present problems nor a guarantee against future ones, but it is an unobtrusive way to begin improving security for the Capitol and, at the very least, attempt to prepare for a worst case scenario, which will hopefully never happen. Let's be proactive and give our Capitol security people the support that they need. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. There are four lights on, in this order: Senator Friend, Senator Bromm, Senator Combs, and Senator Wehrbein. However, there are committee amendments, I understand, which means we'll go back to the appropriate subject-matter committee, which is the Government Committee. Senator Schimek, as Chairman, is doing the committee amendments. (Visitors introduced.) And we're now back to Senator Schimek on the committee amendments to LB 439. (AM0708, Legislative Journal page 754.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't believe I need to go into any detail in discussing the committee amendment, because Senator Hudkins has done a good job of explaining it already. But basically, what it does is transfers security for the buildings and grounds from DAS to the State Patrol. That's it in a nutshell. And I'd be happy to try