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Section 17 deals with the Nebraska State Patrol's authorization to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations under the act. In substance, I would summarize those particular sections the same way I just did in my opening. And, therefore, I'll not further belabor it. I would urge the adoption of FA1212, as the first division of the question. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on the first component of the divided question, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 17. Now open for discussion on the first component. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I turned my light on and I don't really know at what point one enters into this discussion, but I guess I have to enter into it early and say what I need to say in general, and I guess I have an almost visceral reaction to this bill and to all the other bills that have gone before. I will say that there are some improvements in this bill over those that have gone before, but I believe that this bill will not improve our society one wit. I believe, in fact, that it will return us to the days of the Wild West when everybody carried guns and people sometimes were living in fear of their lives. I have gotten more letters from more people on this subject over the years than probably any other, and I realize there are deep divisions in how people feel about this, and I believe the divisions are partly, at least, between the male point of view and the female point of view, not totally, but in part. I believe that there are also some divisions regionally. I believe that urban areas tend to think that this would not be good state policy whereby rural areas, who are maybe not living in such close proximity to their neighbors and are not in such a confined space, don't feel the same way about it. There is more of a tradition of hunting and carrying guns in the back of the pickup and so forth. But for those who live in the urban areas, where you are constantly seeing people that you don't even know, there is more trepidation about this kind of a bill. I believe that there's also a division, now perhaps a little bit more than there was before, amongst those who are paid to protect us, but overwhelmingly I believe that the police officers and the sheriffs' departments have been traditionally and still are