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it makes one any difference with this amendment or not. But this was part...this was my priority bill last year, is to make carrier enforcement part of the State Patrol. So I'll see what the discussion is on this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Erdman, you've a minute and ten left. Did you wish to use that? He waives that off. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Thompson and eight others. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. My, how time flies. I think it was about four years ago that I carried this same legislation. It was pretty much the way this one is. And a matter of fact, this is the third time since I've been in the Legislature that this bill has come before. And I might say I will...I oppose the amendments to the amendment, and I will support the original committee amendments. Personally, I've never had...have never felt as though that I needed to carry a weapon, whether it be concealed or out in the open. I feel as though I can go anywhere in my district without that kind of protection. But on the other hand, maybe there will come a time when I'll need or have the opinion that I might need that. And I certainly wouldn't want to be breaking the law if I decided to get...you know, carry a concealed weapon for my own protection or for my business's protection. I can't help but think about something that happened about a year ago. A young lady was from my district, and she was murdered. She was accosted by two males. And I think maybe, just maybe, that if they had the slightest thought in their mind that that young lady who was leaving her place of business might happen to have a concealed weapon, that that event would have not taken place. Of course, we can presume all we want to. But that thought has crossed my mind over the last year, that possibly, just possibly those two cowards would have had second thoughts before killing that beautiful young lady. I would say, from the letters that I've received, e-mails that we all get bombarded with, phone calls, that the majority of the people in the 15th Legislative District support this kind of legislation. The bill really hasn't changed that much over the last 12 years. It's basically the same. And I remember the last time that I carried it, I had an old friend of mine, I