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aware of that, and I appreciate your reminding me. Members I would like to say that I appreciate Senator Mossey's remarks and, you know, I don't think it's meant to be misleading. His explanation about the union officers not taking a position on this bill, I heard and I listened to, and the fact that the Omaha Police Department is supposedly strongly opposing passage of the bill, that may be an administrative decision. I do hear that, Senator Mossey, but, again, I don't think they're in favor...they've voted in favor of this bill either. At least that, I think, was the essence of our discussion off the mike. I got a letter today from a...or actually an e-mail today from a constituent that really says a lot of the things that I've been trying to say, and it's always, I think, better to let a constituent speak if they have deep feelings about something. And she says, it's with deep sadness that I find I must write you regarding LB 265, the concealed weapons bill. Please consider the safety of those attempting to protect the state of Nebraska when you vote. I fear for the safety of police officers, State Patrol officers, and other law enforcement people. I feel that this bill will also put the safety of my family and myself at risk. And, Senator Combs, this paragraph is for you. She says, I understand that some feel that they "have a natural right to keep and bear arms." But what about my rights, the rights of my children, the rights of our law enforcement people? Why should I and the other residents of Nebraska not have the right to go to the mall, movies or restaurant without living in fear that someone will pull out their gun? What about driving and road rage? That alone should be enough to make you stop and think about the dangerous repercussions of this bill. I, personally, do not understand why it is so critical for someone to want to carry a concealed weapon unless they had something to hide or fear. Let's face it, some people do not quit driving when they have been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. So what is to say that the few restrictions, limitations placed under this bill would work? Background checks are not always effective. People accidentally forget they have guns when they go into airports. So what if someone forgets if they go to a bar, bank, school, et cetera, with a gun? Please keep our lives here in Nebraska safe and uncomplicated. If your job does not require that you carry a gun, then the violators can more easily be