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detected, end of debate. She says, I have enough concerns raising a child that I do not want to worry about him getting gunned down at a mall, movie theater, or while driving. There are far too many shootings taking place now. Having more licensed guns on the street is a very unhealthy and unsafe idea. As a woman, I do not feel that it is necessary for myself or my husband to carry a gun. I grew up in a rural community, Holt County, in the country. I lived in Omaha for over 15 years, and have lived in Lincoln for the past 10 years. At no time did I ever feel that I needed to carry a gun or that my safety was in jeopardy. And she goes on a little bit more, and then concludes with, alas...or also, what department has the personnel and money to administer...

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and monitor something like this? This will take a lot of time and money to stay current on monitoring citizens who are convicted as felons, have a history of violence, or deemed mentally ill, et cetera. My understanding is that trying to keep sex offenders registered and their place of residency does not always go as planned. Would this be any different? Please vote against LB 265.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Cudaback, followed by Smith, Mines, Janssen, and Combs.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, and members, I guess this is one of those issues that nobody is really listening anyhow, so you might as well just stand up here and mumble if nothing else. But it's one of those issues that there are people watching out in TV land. We forget about that sometimes. There are maybe 1,000, 2,000, 20,000, maybe a half a million, who knows, watching this. So we all want to get on the record where we stand. It's not just for us here. We always, some of us, we forget about that. This is our primary purpose here, but also the people at home have a right to know how we stand. Is this a life or death issue with me? No. Do I wake up at night thinking about the gun bill? No. Do I wake up, do I...does it occupy my mind? No. I'm on Appropriations. That means a lot more to me than this bill right here, but we all have this