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that terminology is. But I don't know what that experience would consist of. I don't know of any tests that they have to take of a written nature. I don't know of any proficiency tests they would have to take in the use and handling of a firearm. There might be more stringent requirements under Senator Tyson's monstrosity bill that I hope will never be enacted into law than these guys, not guys, because there might be women doing it too, than these persons would have to meet. So I don't think the discussion has been wasted. And I don't think me leaving my amendment up there was frivolous. There are people right now called detectives. I don't know that the public is aware that these people are not law enforcement persons. They're not sworn officers. They do not have police powers. But now, as to whether or not they can take somebody into custody at all, I don't know the answer to that. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question, because he may know the answer, and maybe he won't.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, would you respond?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, do you know if these people can...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...take somebody into custody?

SENATOR BURLING: As far as I know, they can't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't think so, but I'm just not sure. Okay. Thank you. And since I'm not sure, it might be good for us to inquire into this, and we can make some things specific. And to be quite frank, now that we're winding this down, were I the Secretary of State, I wouldn't even want to be bothered with this at all. I would have been asking the Legislature, is there someplace else they can place this responsibility? Then I would make some suggestions, like the one Senator Thompson did, as to how a home for this kind of activity could be constructed so that the public would be protected. That's what I'm more interested in, rather than these people just being able to get