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Chambers has is, I think, 3 months, but he's had it 133 times. (Laughter) But because I want this to be a good bill, I want this to be a bill that protects the interests of everyone, I'm very willing to borrow from Senator Chambers. He says this bill is more controlling than 28-1202 and that somehow it slipped by; that we are withdrawing the protection of 28-1202 if you get a concealed carry permit. Absolutely. You've got your choice, and the choice really can be stated that you can carry a gun concealed if you wish and you allow yourself to be judged guilty...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schimek, on the motion to recommit.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Chambers, not everybody left the floor. I am rising in support of your motion to recommit and I would suggest, and I know you know this, Senator Tyson, that we don't have to necessarily do this motion. There's so many other (laugh) amendments here that we can use to delay the bill, I mean, so I mean I...this is the first time I've looked in a week or so and the whole screen is filled with Chambers amendments. So I...no, we don't have to do that, but I think that that might be the wise policy. You know, when you say this is the best bill regarding concealed weapons, to me, there can be no best bill regarding concealed weapons. I am...those two things don't even go together as far as I'm concerned. I, too, was looking at the Sheriff's Association letter. And actually, you know, in bills, the devil is always in the details, and I know that you're probably taking these details seriously and I would like to see your response. But I'd also like to refresh the memories of the body, if they don't have the letter with them and if they have received the letter, but some of the things that they talk about in this letter that are of concern, and you can understand why they would be of concern to law enforcement, is, number one, on page 3, line 13 through 16 where the bill talks about eyesight, it says, when an applicant does not possess a current Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license, he or she shall determine (sic) such powers of eyesight at the office of the county sheriff when applying for a permit to carry a concealed handgun. So the sheriffs' concern is, if restrictions are