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can be overcome with arguments, but others are a bit more problematic and I think they are going to be very burdensome to our county sheriffs. I'd also like to remind you that the Sheriff's Association did come out in opposition to LB 265, so even though there may be a sheriff here and there who support the bill, overall, their association doesn't. I'd also like to ask a question of Senator Tyson, and this is a serious question, Senator Tyson. I don't know if it's been asked during the course of the debate or not. But probably the most fearful situation that anyone can be in, and anyone is commonly a woman but not always, is to be in a domestic violence kind of situation and to have taken shelter in a domestic violence shelter. Would a concealed weapon be allowed in such a place is the question that I have, and it was asked of me and I didn't have an answer for that. I don't think there's a specific provision in the bill that prohibits it, right?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Tyson, would you yield?

SENATOR TYSON: (Microphone malfunction)...in the bill, Senator Schimek, and that provision is that anyone who does not want a concealed carry in an establishment, and I would presume that a shelter, a domestic violence shelter, would be an establishment, all they have to do is print a sign on there saying no concealed weapons.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So how would you define an establishment then? I mean, is that...is a retail store an establishment? Is a library an establishment? I mean what kinds of...

SENATOR TYSON: Well, a library is a public building...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah, that's true, but what kinds of...

SENATOR TYSON: ...and they're denied in the public buildings.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...things are establishments?

SENATOR TYSON: I really don't know, Senator Schimek. I would think that if it's a place under the control of someone who is hiring those or owns that property for a particular purpose,