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He answered me, Senator Mines. Oh, I don't see any problem with it.

SENATOR MINES: But...but...

SENATOR TYSON: And the police, a lot of the police officers that I know and have questions about that see no problem. There's one or two that doesn't want it under any circumstances.

SENATOR MINES: But collectively, when I receive letters and phone calls from five organizations that I highly respect, law enforcement organizations that oppose any concealed carry, and the Omaha Police Officers Union has taken a neutral position, I tend to wonder why they're all in.. collectively not supporting this if, in fact, it's...it would be for the betterment of Nebraska. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I would relinquish my time to Senator Chambers, if he'd like it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you have two minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Mines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And my condolences to Senator Beutler's chair because it seems to be drawing more support and concern than one of us would have had we tripped and fallen in the aisle. But at any rate, I think the way Senator Mines framed that question and helped focus attention on the issue can only be underlined. I can't improve on it, but that is the way the question should be asked. If this is a positive good for society, if, as Senator Tyson alleges, it's going to make the society safer, why are all of these organizations either opposed to the bill or taking a neutral stance? Because they know that this is not a positive good. And I've got something I'm going to touch on now, and I'll elaborate more if I get a five minute period of time, because I need that to keep thumping on Senator Tyson's head until something responds...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...inside. Senator Tyson, a judge is a public official. A judge takes an oath of office. That oath includes the pledge to uphold and abide by the laws of this