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this as a public safety issue. And I'm going to talk about an amendment that I have drafted which requires a person with a permit to carry a concealed weapon to have concealed weapon...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...liability insurance coverage. Cars are not made with the intent that they should kill people; guns are made for that purpose. So if you're going to take the less dangerous item and require insurance, certainly when you have people walking around with guns hidden in their clothing they should be required also to have insurance. And I believe that my time that Senator Mines gave me has probably expired, so that's all I will say on it at this time. But as we proceed, I will say more on that point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Kremer.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I, if you will indulge me, I want to continue a bit the correspondence from the woman in Omaha, who I think really expresses very eloquently some of the fears that I and other opponents of this bill has...have. She says...she goes on to say that nearly all prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs have safety caps to protect children, yet Nebraska legislators are preparing to vote for this bill which would allow qualifying adults to carry loaded, unlocked handguns in their cars, purses, briefcases, on their persons. Nothing in this bill, as far as I can see, limits the number of these weapons that can thus be carried. She says, I teach part-time at the college level and have, on occasion, often been confronted by angry students, upset about their grade. Nothing in this bill protects me at the university level from having to face students who may be carrying loaded weapons. She quotes a friend of hers, and these are some of her comments. The friend says, what governmental entity will be financially responsible for having personal extra security and added liability insurance, of having what amounts to an armory at every entrance to every government building? What great targets these doorways can be for thieves to smash and grab guns that could end up in the black market. If they