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How do you determine that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: How do you determine that? Well, you check to see if they've been checked in some place. Well, if I was checked in in Illinois 20 years ago, you're not going to find out about that, and the sheriff is not going to find out about that. Especially, who is the person who will remain absolutely calm in a crisis? There is no way of testing that. There is no way of knowing that. And that, after all, is the basic premise of this thing that we're suppose to be able to defend ourselves in a cool way in a time of crisis. I submit we cannot determine that in the permit process. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Mines and others. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the recommit to committee motion filed by Senator Chambers. And as I said on Friday, I do believe that there are probably not enough votes to advance this bill. And I think that we ought to get it off of our agenda, so I am in favor of recommitting it to committee. I think there is some problems that have been pointed out, both by Senator Chambers and Senator Thompson, and that's particulars of the bill that could easily be looked at by the committee. I want to express my concern, once again, about this bill on behalf of some of the constituents who have either written or who have testified before the Judiciary Committee. And there is one particularly compelling letter or piece of testimony I think that was given by a woman who was acting on behalf of Nebraska's network of domestic violence and sexual assault programs and they expressed their concern about LB 265 in two regards. Their first concern, and this is real...this is serious, this is real. Their first concern is the connection between guns and domestic violence. Guns and other weapons profoundly affect the dynamics of domestic violence when they are used by a batterer to intimidate and frighten as well as to maim and kill. Studies have shown that firearms substantially increase the lethality of a violent interaction. A 1997 analysis of domestic homicides where a