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strangers, 138 victims. That number is worse when we look at black women. They are 18 times more likely to be killed by a male they knew than a stranger. These statistics mean that the most common threat a woman faces is not a stalking stranger...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...but someone she knows. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Mines, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I rise in support of the motion to recommit to committee, simply because this legislation has many flaws, as those of us that are opposed to it have pointed out over and over again. The loyal opposition will continue to talk on this bill until at such point someone decides that this business needs to be done, that we need to move on with the business of Nebraska. And if there are 33 votes, let's do it. Let's make that happen. If not, let's move on. It's time. We've been on this far, far too long. And the rest of this morning will be used in this debate and let's move on. I received a fax along with...it's a fax, a copy of a fax that Senator Tyson had received from the Boucher law firm, which represents the lobbyists for the Nebraska Sheriffs Association. And it's from a Mr. Rick Boucher, and it was sent Friday, April 25 via e-mail. And it says, it's in a response to Senator Tyson's letter of April 22 on LB 265, and it says: Dear Senator Tyson: Thank you for your letter of April 22 on LB 265, the Concealed Handgun Permit Act. The Nebraska Sheriffs Association, or NSA, is pleased that you have addressed some of the issues in AM1362 of April 16, 2003. However, NSA continues to oppose LB 265 as unworkable and overly burdensome. The State Patrol's report will not address the issues of habitually intoxicated or drugged or history of violence pending or recently completed mental health matters or criminal charges among other things. The issues are weighty and of sufficient importance to take more than five days to resolve. The issues could take much time and effort by the sheriff and county attorney in a...is a denied offense, excuse me, is a denial defensible in court. If the sheriff does not