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gun that killed the principal. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I just received an e-mail this morning that I think actually was sent to Senator Tyson, copied to all of us, from Rick Boucher with the Sheriffs Association, thanking Senator Tyson for his letter of April 22. And it says, the Nebraska Sheriffs Association is pleased that you have addressed some of the issues in AM1362 on April 16. 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 important to take more than five days to resolve. The issues could take much time and effort by the sheriff and county attorney, and if the sheriff does not issue the permit, time will be spent in court defending his or her position, as you noted in your letter. The applicant, you noted that the applicant may go to court as provided by the act. The matter is adjudicated by the court. The sheriff has done his best. Nebraska Sheriffs Association respectfully opposes LB 6...or, LB 265. I just got little bits and pieces that I would like to finish with today, and one of the things that I wanted to finish was the domestic violence coalition's testimony and the only thing left that I wanted to say, besides the fact that she's usually threatened by not a stalking stranger but by someone she knows, very often that's her husband or boyfriend who are armed with a gun. In sexual assault, over 80 percent of the assailants were known to the victim. Strangers were responsible for only about one in five of the attacks. I also had an e-mail from a Lincoln resident, happens to be male. He says, thank you for your firm opposition to the Nebraska Concealed Handgun Permit Act. My senator is not as enlightened as you, so I turn to you with my plea that this piece of insanity be defeated. I have never felt fearful in my 56 years in Nebraska. But the thought of this bill going through, passes...or this bill passing strikes terror in my heart. He goes on to say, certainly there are those, such as