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something like this. First of all, there should be some preliminary security measures need to be reevaluated on how the incidence of this nature was handled. And secondly, we now know we are vulnerable as a government institution to be taxed..attacked with more of these letters containing substances that could indeed be real and extremely dangerous. Such a toxic substance could shut this whole Legislature down for weeks. Now that the letter has been sent throughout the building, it is now obvious that we are very vulnerable. We debated the issue about carrying concealed weapons for days, and I see a parallel between the two. If someone points a gun at me and says, I'm sorry but it is not loaded, I still take it very personally, and I think that Gambling With the Good Life just pointed a gun at us. Loaded or not, I take it very personally. And I think whatever the credibility that this organization has is certainly damaged as far as I'm concerned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Louden. Chair recognizes Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. In particular, I rise in support of the Mexican-American Commission. I've said all along, throughout the Appropriations Committee process, that there is indeed a demonstrated need for such a commission for the Hispanic and Latino population. The demographics of this population have grown immensely. The community statewide has grown 155 percent from 1990 to 2000. The commission does integral work with this population and with regard to the strife that this...these individuals suffer within the slaughterhouses within our state. They do a wonderful job with regard to the language barriers, overcoming the language barriers. They address the prevalence of domestic violence within this population, which is a serious matter. So I do indeed rise in support, particularly of the Mexican-American Commission, and support overall the amendment by Senator Chambers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. The Chair now recognizes Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body,