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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 72, introduced by Senator Stuhr, relates to security services. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I do have Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0059, Legislative Journal page 345.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr, to open on LB 72.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I come before you today to introduce LB 72, which proposes the licensing and regulation of security guards by creating the Security Personnel Licensing Act. To give you some history, last year LB 1063 was introduced and it was evident from the hearing that the involvement of the industry was imperative if we were going to have some workable legislation. Many meetings have been held in the past six months with the security guard industry, and I would say probably 20 to 30 of those members from all different walks of life came and met. Under the act, a security officer is defined as an individual other than an employee of a federal, state, or local government, whose primary duty is to perform a contract or proprietary security service, is full- or part-time, could be armed or unarmed, in a uniform registered with and approved by the Secretary of State, or in plain clothes. A security officer does not include an employee whose sole duty is internal auditing or credit functions, a technician or a monitor of electronic security systems. The Secretary of State's Office will administer the rules and the regulations related to this legislation, and specifically the Secretary of State's Office will license the applicants as security officers who meet the guidelines, the standards, the requirements, and the qualifications of the act. They would establish minimum guidelines for educating and training licensees under the act. They would enforce the act by reviewing and investigating complaints of violation. They would establish conditions for reinstatement and renewal of licenses. Applicants must meet minimum guidelines to be licensed under the act. Such guidelines include that the applicant not have been convicted of unlawful conduct, not have been declared, by any court of