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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, are you finished?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Next speaker will be Senator Janssen, on FA189.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Looking at the amendment, a person knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm while violation of this subject...of this subsection, what...bearing a firearm or possessing a firearm, right now it is legal, I believe, to possess a firearm if it is in the open. I'm sure...Senator Bourne, would you verify that?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly. I believe you're right, Senator Janssen, that if Senator Synowiecki wants to walk through his district out in south Omaha with a handgun strapped to his side, that's legal to do.

SENATOR JANSSEN: But at the present time, it would be illegal to have that concealed.

SENATOR BOURNE: Unless he can...right, unless he can show that he needed it for a business purpose. As I understand, there's some language in the statute that would provide him with an affirmative defense.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Well, all right, if the person was legally carrying...or had in his position a firearm, would they still be subject to this section then?

SENATOR BOURNE: If they are in the process of manufacturing or trafficking methamphetamine, yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, but nothing with the purchase?

SENATOR BOURNE: No.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Senator