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including questions about salaries, questions about term limits, questions about concealed carry, and so forth. And of those responses that I have received so far--and this is not necessarily a scientific poll, but I think it's a high indicator of how people in my district may feel--of those who have sent in responses, it's almost a 5-to-1 margin against. Twenty-three of those responding are in favor, and ninety-one are opposed, and I see Patrick smiling. No, that's not a big sample, but it is a sample of those who are interested in responding. And I said at the beginning, it's not scientific. But I think that, you know, when you've been an officer...when you've run for political office, Senator Bourne, you do get some gut instincts about these kinds of things. And I do think that, that the people in Lincoln, or at least in my district, have some grave reservations about this. So I will be opposing this. I hope to be, also, giving some informed information. One of the things that I hope will come out in this debate are the kinds of legislation that are being promoted out there that would take us even a step further to the concealed carry law. There are some states that are proposing, for instance, it's okay to have a handgun in a bar. In some states, it's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...being proposed that we allow handguns in schools. I mean, some of those are extreme measures, and some of them may never pass. But there are a number of pieces of legislation that are being proposed that get us in even deeper than we already are. I'd also like to hear some discussion of the homicides that we do have in Nebraska, and whether in any circumstances or all circumstances those would have been prevented if only somebody had been carrying a concealed weapon. I don't think I've ever heard that side of the question discussed, and I hope that we can do that before we're done, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Flood, followed by Senator Chambers, on AM1233.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Just having a conversation with Senator Chambers and sharing with me