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he or she is protecting the public, even when at a bar or at a football game, or whatever the situation may be. And I respect law enforcement. I respect the job they have to do, but a police officer, off duty, can go into a bar, carry a weapon, without any restriction, because they're a law enforcement officer. You can't do that as a citizen, unless you meet all of the little hoops that Section 2 of Section 28-1202 requires. There are no training requirements to comply with Section 2 of Section 28-1202. This bill requires you to go through training. Isn't that what we want? By adopting this bill, or this...the Judiciary Committee amendment--and I haven't really had an opportunity to focus on AM1233--and eventually passing LB 454,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...we're sending the message to Nebraskans that concealing a weapon is permissible, if you're willing to comply with the safety...health and safety regulations that we've got inside the bill and the committee amendments. Go to the State Patrol office, sit down, lay your criminal record on the table. Let them look at what you have or have not done in your life that you've possibly been convicted of. Go through the eye examination. Have the State Patrol check into your DMV record, have them examine your past to see whether or not you've been committed by a mental health or behavioral health commitment board across the state of Nebraska, look at your histories in different states. And then issue the permit, if you meet the qualifications. It seems to make sense to me that we have an interest, as state senators, in addressing what is already subjective, relying on the discretion of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. On with discussion of the Beutler amendment, AM1233, to the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 454. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I