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support Senator Beutler's amendment. I'd like to ask Senator Flood a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Flood...

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're aware that there are several places in the bill where a peace officer is authorized to determine whether or not a permit holder poses a threat to the public and it's strictly in the discretion of that officer as to whether that determination is made, and then the officer can take the pistol, the firearm. You're aware those things are in the bill, aren't you?

SENATOR FLOOD: Would you repeat your question, Senator Chambers, so that I could follow along?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're aware that there are provisions in this amendment, which, by the way, was not drafted by the committee, but it was offered by Senator Combs and requested that it become the bill. So committee staff of the Judiciary are not responsible for this amendment, and I want that clearly in the record, because there are some...it's some very poor stuff. In fact, it looks very much like what Senator Tyson brought the last time he was here, which the body rejected. But, Senator, the question I'm asking you: Are you aware that there are places in this bill where a police officer, a peace officer, as the person is called, or even an emergency services personnel may take the handgun from a person if, in that peace officer's view or the emergency personnel person's view, that person constitutes a danger to himself or anybody else? You're aware of that, aren't you?

SENATOR FLOOD: Are you referencing page 8, Section 13: Any peace officer having probable cause that a permit holder is no longer in compliance of...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, if we turn to page 9 and start in