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people, to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the state of Nebraska. I think it's a reasonable approach to conceal weapons in Nebraska. With the State Patrol issuing these permits, I think it's important to go through some of the things that will be under strict scrutiny by the law enforcement agency that will, if passed with the committee amendments, be in charge of issuing permits. Anything from your eyesight to your criminal history to your propensity to live your life in a drunken or intoxicated way, fashion, or manner. It gives the Patrol a lot of discretion, when investigating your background, to determine whether or not you can have the right to carry a concealed weapon permit, or to carry concealed, period. And there will be strict scrutiny on those folks that are permittees, after the date that they would possibly receive a permit. You have to live your life in a law-abiding manner. People that have been convicted of third-degree assault will not have weapons permits, I might add. Now that doesn't say it specifically in there, but I think it's important to note that this is not an effort to put guns in the hands of criminals. In my opinion, the criminals already have weapons, if they want them. It's not hard to get a gun in the state of Nebraska. It's the law-abiding citizens that pay attention to Section 28-1202 and abide by its Section 1, 2, 3, and 4 that we're talking about today. It's the people that are willing to go through the training, to jump through the hoops, to raise their hand and notify the State Patrol that they want this, and comply with the rules, that will receive the permits. This is a reasonable...this is a reasonable bill to address the citizens of Nebraska's repeated demands for the right to carry a concealed weapon. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Mr. Speaker, you are recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I try not to interrupt the flow of debate, but it seems to me this one may go on for a while, and I wanted to get word to you, having done some of the planning for next week. I note something that needs to change. We had scheduled Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights for what we call late nights, but I want you to know that while Monday we'll go...will be a