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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, if you were going to give me time, I would have continued. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Raikes. Is Senator Raikes with us? You're recognized to speak, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I wonder if I could ask you some questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator Chambers, as I understand it, we currently have a provision, or maybe it isn't a provision in law, but it's referred to, one way or the other, as the affirmative right provisions for carrying a concealed, do I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The defense, yeah, an affirmative defense.

SENATOR RAIKES: Affirmative defense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Can you tell me how that works?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, if you're caught...if you have a concealed weapon and an officer decides to arrest you, when you go to court, you can give a reason for having carried it, and that will be a defense against the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. And I know of cases where it was not accepted, only where a person was carrying a weapon in conjunction with work being done at the time the person was apprehended. And I don't know of people who had guns and could give a reason for it, who were arrested by the officer. So when these people talk about all these arrests that are being made, all these people have to go to court, you don't see many of these cases in court, because even if some people have been arrested, prosecutors will dismiss. They exaggerate, and they