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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All present and accounted for, sir.

(Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR CORNETT: I want to thank you for the points that you've brought up, where I was incorrect in language. And I hope, whether you're against the bill or not, that the language is better. Again you brought up the defense contractors, like Senator Engel, and the people that also work in jobs, like police officers, teachers. The difference is, the military and the retired military is an extremely mobile group of people. They are highly sought after. They have technological training that the average citizen and civilian does not have. Therefore, they are highly recruited by companies and corporations that deal with defense contractors. That is why this is specifically targeted. And I know that you brought up the court case that I had, and said that that only specifically addressed...or, did not meet the requirements of the case that I brought up. I have another one, a standard rule of the Nebraska Supreme Court. legislative act can violate the Nebraska State Constitution by creating a permanently closed class. A legislative classification, in order to be valid, must be based on some reason of public policy, some substantial difference of situation or circumstance that would naturally suggest the justification or expediency of diverse legislation with respect to objects to be classified. Classification is proper if the special class has some reasonable distinction from subjects of like or general character, which distinction bears some reasonable relation to the legitimate objectives and purpose of the legislation. The separate...the reasonable distinction would be the security clearance. The case is Big John's Billards v. Balka, if you need a copy of that. And I'd be happy to answer any questions in regards to that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cornett. Were you asking Senator Chambers a question, or...okay. Thank you. (Visitors