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amendment, hopefully are acceptable...are acceptable to her, and hopefully, are acceptable to you. I'm not going to go over the things that are highly technical in nature, but let me tell you the three things that it does that change the substance a little If you're interested in following along, they all deal with Section 7 of the bill, which starts on page 5 of the committee amendment, and it starts down in subsection (4). This whole section has to do with what an applicant shall be, or shall possess, or shall not have done in their past, and one of the things it indicates in subsection (4) is that they shall not have pled guilty to, or nolo contendere to, or not been convicted of a felony or a crime of violence. And I have added to that, under the law of this state, or under the laws of any other jurisdiction, so that as Senator Combs has done in other sections of the bill, we pick up potential violations in other jurisdictions of those types of offenses. That's the first The second thing in the same Section 7, going down to subsection (7), it indicates that the applicant shall have no violations of any law of this state relating to firearms, unlawful use of a weapon, or other similar laws of another jurisdiction in five years preceding the date of application. make that stricter and change it to within ten years of the date of application. Likewise, in subsection (5), it indicates that the applicant shall not have been found in the previous five years to be a mentally ill, dangerous person. I changed that to ten years, basically taking a more conservative approach. And with respect to those who have either had a mental condition or a serious criminal violation, that they be put to a little more of a test than five years, doesn't have any applicability to a citizen of the state who has not had mental illness problems or who has not been convicted of any criminal violations. are really the three parts of the amendment that make any substantial, substantive change. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The floor is now open for discussion. Senator Smith, you're recognized.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of LB 454 and appreciate the work that Senator Combs has done. I know it has been a long-time effort, and I know the committee has spent a great deal of time on it, as well.