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SENATOR COMBS: Well, I suppose it would depend on whether or not the permitholders are the ones committing the crimes. Then you would be directing the legislation in the right way. I just...the bill...the legislation that permits people from...that carrying handguns I don't think is going to address the problem that you prefaced this question with, which was the Philadelphia problem of increased crime.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I'm not trying to necessarily draw a parallel. It's just that the question occurred to me that there might be different needs in different parts of the state. And I really truly believe that there is a difference in a rural setting and an urban center,...

SENATOR COMBS: Um-hum.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...but maybe--setting--but maybe not all that much when you look at the meth problem and so forth. It sort of goes across all places. But I'm just wondering if the city of Lincoln could do something on its own, if it so chose to do so.

SENATOR COMBS: I can honestly say I don't know, but it certainly is free to do it right now, if it sees the need.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But once this passes, I don't think Lincoln will have that flexibility, but I'll look back at the bill again, and see if there is any flexibility.

SENATOR COMBS: Well, I would gladly defer to anyone else in the body that could answer that at this point and time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR COMBS: At this point and time, I don't have the answer exactly for you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Combs. I appreciate that. You know, I hesitate to even bring up some of these things, because we have talked about them.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.