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SENATOR KRUSE: I recognize this, again, in the affirmation that I follow one who said how society can work, and I believe that. I recognize that as we have a different approach, and Jesus was not a pacifist, Jesus was not one who backed off. We...part of my objection is to mistreat a number of passages of Jesus, like walking the second mile, as though that's a soft thing. That's a hard response, because that put the soldier into a violation of regulations, and put the soldier into a court-martial. We misinterpreted these--turning the other cheek--we make that a soft response. It is not. So I also object to our abusing the scripture in order to come to our own opinions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. When I got appointed to the Legislature nine years ago, I wasn't really too familiar with this issue, didn't have a whole lot of information about it, started hearing from some of the NRA folks in my district, who...and people who supported it. And early on, the three chiefs of police and the sheriff of Sarpy County at that time asked me to come to a breakfast meeting and meet with them, and I spent quite a bit of time with them, and a lot of follow-up time with information they've supplied, and their various replacements have supplied to me since then. And I am flat-out, totally in support of what law enforcement thinks about this, because they're the ones that are going to have to deal with this law in our communities, they're the ones who address the crime issue in our communities, and they're the ones that have to make sure that their officers are safe, that they have the training, that they know how to respond to this. And as all of you know from the letters you've received in your offices, and those of you who sit on the committee, they come in year after year and testify in opposition to this bill. Let me just give you a little historical perspective on why this is being brought in Nebraska and why it was being brought across the country. Nebraska has concealed carry law, and it's an affirmative defense, and you can carry a weapon. You can carry a gun, a handgun, in Nebraska, as long as you don't hide it. And so it isn't like people can't have a gun, or can't hide a gun. We do provide for