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enforcement officials who are very nervous about this. He says: I'm writing in support of your stance on concealed carry law. I'm a police officer in Lincoln and have been able to carry a concealed weapon for about five years. I do so very seldom. Concealed weapons are just that -- hard to conceal. uncomfortable and won't be allowed in many places. A vast majority of these weapons will end up in vehicles once the novelty of carrying them has worn off. This leads me to my point. The most common crimes in Lincoln...or the most common crime in Lincoln is larceny, auto larceny. What will happen to these handguns once they are carelessly left in vehicles, where every rock-chucking, screwdriver-prying thief has access to In most small towns in Nebraska, people leave the doors unlocked. Ask the Judy Kohout family of Cortland if this type of crime doesn't come to small towns. In my opinion, this bill will do nothing more than put guns in the hands of people that need them the least. And I have several other letters that I might like to share with you at some point, but before I do that I would also like to finish up with the studies that I was mentioning to you, and I'd also like to make just a comment about Senator Chambers' comments and ask you what the reason is that we have...that we allow filibusters or unlimited debate. We do it for a very, very, very good reason, in my opinion, and that is to protect the minority opinion. And I don't know how many of you were listening to what Senator Chambers just talked about, but he's talking about his district and what impact this bill will have in his district. And his district deserves some special thought and consideration. It has some unique problems. And I think it's only because of the fact that we allow unlimited debate in this body that you are privileged, subject to, subjected to, however you want to phrase it, the minority opinion, and that... I don't mean that minority opinion in any other way but an opinion of those of us who may not be in the majority. And I think it's important and I hope you were listening to Senator Chambers on that one.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'd like to go back to a couple of more studies, and I'm almost done, so if you'll bear with me, the next one that I was starting to tell you about was the one by