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let me say that again. In Florida, a state which has issued over 1 million of the permits, they were one of the first ones to begin to do it, recipients of these permits are arrested less than police officers. So I don't think we're afraid of, you know, police officers here in Nebraska who do get arrested from time to time for DUI and other offenses. We still are not reluctant to let them come out and protect and serve. Therefore, I would correlate that with this piece of information that we should not be afraid to have permitholders. I'm not worried about the behavior of good Nebraskans who are going to obtain the permits. We've talked a lot about stats and figures, property taxes. I think we've gotten away from the very core of the issue, and that is safety for victims of violent crimes. The people who have been or will be raped, attacked, robbed, or murdered deserve...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...all that we can give them, a chance to survive, a chance to fight back. Are you willing to look at these victims in the eye and say, I don't trust you to defend yourself? I'm not. I would like to add that I'm thoughtfully considering a lot of the data...the information that has been brought, the amendments that are still on with good ideas. We're going to look at...carefully at things we need to do. And also, when we come to Select File, we will have some changes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Mr. Clerk, do you have announcements and items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. New bills. (Read LB 1065-1070 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 268, by Senator Fischer. Amendments to be printed: Senator Baker to LB 157 and to LB 248; Senator Stuthman, amendments to LB 454. (Legislative Journal pages 309-315.)

Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Brashear would move to recess until 1:30.