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protection of the state. In these times of terror alerts and national security issues, it is important to know that all of those working in the security industry meet the basic standards of safety and professionalism. With that, I hope that we will continue our discussion on this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You heard the opening on LB 72. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Chairperson Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to introduce the committee amendment, which makes four very specific changes. The first change would be on page 2 of the bill, and it actually provides that employees of political subdivisions or individuals appointed as deputy state sheriffs are not included in the definition of a security officer. The second change is on page 3, at the top of the page, and this amendment just...or this provision of the amendment just requires that security officers wear uniforms which are distinctive in appearance from that customarily worn by law enforcement agents. The third part of it clarifies who can be a trainer, and that's on page 5, and it talks about the fact that you have to be at least 18 years of age to train an applicant for a license, and 21 years of age to train an applicant. The final one, the final provision of the committee amendment, changes the provisions regarding the length of service that the initial committee members can have, and that's on the very last page, on page 8. It changes it so that two members are appointed for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years. I have to say that Senator Stuhr and the people who will be licensed under this bill have really put a lot of time and effort into this bill. This bill has morphed again and again, and I think that what Senator Stuhr has put together on her final amendment is a good...is a good bill. I...she has incorporated the committee amendment into that amendment, so that once her amendment comes up, if we adopt it, it will essentially do away with the committee amendment, but incorporate everything in the committee amendment into that...into that larger amendment. So I would strongly compliment Senator Stuhr for all the work that she's