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wait till I'm recognized to speak. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, you have a message?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Natural Resources Committee will meet in Executive Session underneath the north balcony, now. Natural Resources, north balcony, right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I will just share with you some of the background on this bill, as I did yesterday. We worked with the security guard industry for the last couple years in drafting this bill, and we felt it was very important that they be involved, particularly regarding definitions and terminology. And we did mirror ASIS, which is the Association of Security Industry Standards, in coming up with most of the language that is contained in the bill. And we did that so that if there is legislation passed on the federal level, that this legislation would mirror those same definitions. And so we think that that was an important aspect of the bill. I think many people just take for granted that security guards...that there are some minimum standards. There are not, in Nebraska. We are one of a handful of states that does not have any standards. And the industry, as I said, came forth and wanted to professionalize their industry. We are among one of eight states that does not have regulations or a licensing standard in this state. And that's why I think that this piece of legislation is very important. It is important when we look at the safety of our state and also the safety of our citizens. The bill contains provisions that allow for training and education that a security officer must meet in order to obtain that license. And upon Senator Bourne's suggestions last year, we did include a more detailed account of what some of that training, in relationship to education and training, which now includes basic first-aid, CPR, crowd control, emergency response procedures, ethics, honesty, professionalism, and proper conduct, knowledge of civil and criminal statutes pertaining to security services, note taking,