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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of LB 72. I think it is extremely necessary legislation, something we need in the state of Nebraska. And I will share with you what happened in Hall County, Grand Island, that causes me concern for us not having this type of legislation. We had a private security company come to our community. And if I'm not mistaken, they come because they were asked to leave Lincoln. But anyway, they come to our community and opened up shop as a security company, and immediately ordered all new uniforms for their members. Their uniforms matched perfectly the Hall County Sheriff's Department uniforms. Then they ordered cars, and they had their cars painted to match exactly the Hall County Sheriff's Department cars. Why is this a problem? Well, let's give a quick scenario here. And just think about the situation, your daughter, for instance, driving down a dark road, or a country road, and she sees a...what she thinks is a sheriff's car behind her, and the lights are flashing. She gets pulled over, and here's a guy in a uniform, looks like a sheriff's deputy, has never had a background check, is probably carrying a weapon. He would be allowed to have a firearm with him simply because we have nothing in place to make sure that he didn't...that he had a background check and had a reason to carry that firearm. It can create a pretty scary scenario, as you can well imagine. I think this is good legislation. I think this is necessary legislation. I look forward to the changes on Select File to correct the miswording that Senator Chambers so aptly pointed out. I, too, would not want to see anyone expire on October 1. So we'll be glad to make sure those changes happen, and remind the body that this is necessary legislation. Thank you. If I have any time left, I'd give it to Senator Stuhr, if she so choose.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: About 2, 50. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, thank you, Senator Aguilar. And as I mentioned yesterday, this bill really originated with Senator Aguilar's concerns that he had in his community regarding the security officers and what was happening. And that brought