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the understanding that the industry is drafting this bill, so...

SENATOR STUHR: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I overstated earlier the way this bill is being handled. If permission has to be obtained from the industry, then I can understand you, if you've told them you'll work with them and get their opinion before you allow changes to the bill or support them. I'm going to seek changes, and if the industry will not allow those changes to be made then this bill goes the way of LB 454, because as good as I think the intention is, I'm not going to allow poorly crafted legislation to go across the floor and be enacted into law. When we're supposed to be setting up regulations, regulations, the way I view them, constitute more than mere suggestions or good advice. We're not giving advice in the statute. We are giving mandates or we are giving nothing. If this entire bill were to say "may" every place where currently it says "shall," the bill would be worthless and everybody knows it. Why should some things be a "shall" and others a "may"? If it is believed that these items are important, then make them "shall." But if they're not so important that there is a requirement that they be there, strike all this from the statute. Just say, "Establish minimum guidelines for educating and training licensees under the act," which I would attack because it leaves the whole thing wide open and they could simply say, if the person...let me ask Senator Stuhr a question, because maybe I'm about to make a presumption that's not warranted. Senator Stuhr, would you answer a question?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In Senator Combs' atrocity, known as LB 454, they talk about visual acuity of somebody who's going to have one of these guns. There's nothing in here that requires that a person not be blind, is there?

SENATOR STUHR: You're addressing the section above, I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Anywhere.