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SENATOR CORNETT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cornett, in line 25 and line 26, there is a federal regulation referenced. Is it unnecessary to include the language "as such provisions existed on the effective date of this bill"? And here's why I'm asking you. If those regulations change, then a bill drafted in this fashion would not be constitutional because the criteria for granting this exemption is dependent on language in a federal enactment. If those rules changed it would mean that Nebraska's law would automatically change thereby, which cannot constitutionally be done. So I'm asking you why there was no reference to a date that would pin this down to a specific point which could always be referred to in examining whether or not somebody met the qualifications?

SENATOR CORNETT: Senator Chambers,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett.

SENATOR CORNETT: ...you bring up a good point. We put that in the legislation because of some of your concerns in regards to what constituted a security clearance or what those requirements were. I would be happy to amend that out and say what...make an amendment to whatever the current federal regulation was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm not saying you'd have to amend it out. I'm just suggesting that you would insert a date so that if anybody is going to take advantage of this exemption, should the bill pass, which I hope it doesn't, then we would know exactly what the qualifications are that would be looked at, because all you'd have to do is look at this 32 C.F.R. 155.1 through 155.6 as of a certain date.

SENATOR CORNETT: That...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then if they met those qualifications, however this may change in the future, that would entitle them to this exemption, and that's why the date would be inserted, if that's what you would want to do.