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and he ran and hid in a bush. Let me continue. A state trooper who was tipped to the suspect's identity by witnesses called the suspect on his cell phone. The suspect told the trooper that he would shoot anyone who came near him. That's one of Senator Combs' cohorts. He told the trooper, I will shoot anyone who comes near me, and he was not a criminal before then--law-abiding rural citizen. Let me continue. The trooper requested a SWAT team, a negotiator, and State Patrol aircraft. This guy ought to be on the track team. The suspect ran from the brush at 7:16 a.m. State Patrol aircraft using a heat detecting device spotted the suspect, and he was taken into custody without incident at 7:24 a.m., Collins said. Arnold is 36 miles northeast of North Platte.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, a follow-up article January 24, which I will continue when I'm recognized again. But I'm going to stay on this bill and point out the idiocy of it, the lack of necessity, and the total lack of justification. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the floor amendment to AM1238, although, Senator Chambers, I can't guarantee you I'm going to support AM1238, although it was very entertaining and I think your point was well made regarding the intricacies of this bill. I think there are more amendments to come to make it even more intricate. I rise to talk a little bit about the fact that the mayor of Omaha has sent a letter to Senator Chambers regarding this bill, asking that we not adopt this bill, and I also wanted to mention to you on the record that the mayor of Lincoln has also sent a letter to me for distribution to the Legislature, and not only did the mayor sign it but the police chief of Lincoln also signed it. And I guess I would just like to read the concluding paragraph of this letter to you. It says: If more people are encouraged to carry firearms on their person, it is logical to expect that more incidents involving guns will occur. The