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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it discharged during a struggle. So he's a liar in addition to being a murderer. Since I have one minute, I will wait until I'm recognized before I finish the article, but I want these kinds of things in the record, whether anybody here understands or not. I want anybody who reads the transcript to see just how nutty this Nebraska Legislature is, if it supports a bill like this, and the individual senators who would do so. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, that was your third time on FA548. We'll go on to the next speaker. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you, Senator Schimek, for handing out the letter from Mayor Seng. I don't know Mayor Seng. I've read a lot about her, though, in the press and heard her on the radio, battling Wal-Mart and other battles that she has waged in city hall, and certainly I appreciate her public service. However, when it comes to this issue, I would question why she feels the need, as a government official, to know what's in the pockets of law-abiding citizens. When we talk about privacy issues, I think this needs to be one of those. We know that criminals carry guns right now, but I don't know why Mayor Seng feels the urge to know what is in the pockets of her constituents. I was discussing this issue with a constituent in the 48th District last week and (laugh) it was interesting. They had just purchased a handgun and they didn't think too much of LB 454 at the time, but they were advised...or they asked for advice from law enforcement, after they acquired their permit and purchased the gun, for any advice they might have relating to public policy or how to react in this situation, how to treat the gun, how not to break the law unintentionally, and the police officer said, whatever you do, don't hide it. Don't put it under the seat of your car. Do not hide it under anything on the seat of the car. You must have it always out in the open for everyone to see. Simple logic will prove that that gun could very easily find its way into the wrong hands--the criminal who breaks in because they see the gun is available, and certainly the gun