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would then be in the wrong hands. Maybe Coleen Seng, Mayor Seng, wants a policy on how to keep guns out of the wrong hands, but the best way to do that is to allow law-abiding citizens to go through a process, training and otherwise, that's accommodated in LB 454. It's simple logic. It accommodates law-abiding citizens and still criminalizes those who deserve to be criminals, who have misbehaved perhaps, but certainly do not have the right to carry a gun in their pocket, or put a gun under the seat of their vehicle. We need to make sure that firearms are handled appropriately. The training addresses that in LB 454. We need to make sure that firearms are handled appropriately, and putting them under the seat to keep them out of the hands of a criminal who would certainly break in to steal that gun, would definitely be another way...another way to make sure that the guns do not find themselves into the wrong hands. Again, I hope that Mayor Seng somehow gets over the urge to know what's in people's pockets, and I hope that happens soon. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to respond to some things that have been put on the record with some facts that I have in my hands to kind of, hopefully, make us think a little bit more beyond what we have just heard so far. I think it was Goebbels that said something like if you repeat a lie often enough and long enough people begin to believe it, or it becomes viewed as truth, or words to that effect. The first one was perhaps we should really seriously consider not doing this because of what the newspapers have said. We know that both newspapers wrote editorials about being against this bill. I received a phone call the night before the editorial came out of the Omaha World-Herald and that lady admitted to me she had neither read the bill nor the amendment that had become the bill. Now, how can you take an editorial position against something when you tell the senator that's sponsoring the bill, we've just been against this classically every year; we're just telling you that's what we're going to be this time, too? So I really don't consider something from the Omaha World-Herald, that is