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trafficking. So that's the two biggest scenarios that they have to focus their attention on and try to prevent. And talked about some of the horror stories with some of the young females that inadvertently get tied up with a coyote, who takes them to the United States and gets them across the border someplace where they don't even know where they're at. The young ladies are often beaten, raped, and robbed. So without any money, without knowing where they're at, they are turned out somewhere in the United States. They are trafficked into here, and turn to prostitution as their only source of survival. So yes, indeed, that does happen. If we look at the high immigrant population that we have in Nebraska, I would agree even more that we're being extremely naive if we don't think we have trafficking in this area. So I do applaud for Senator Stuhr for bringing this forward, and I think the conversation needs to continue. If we don't get anything done this year, hopefully next year the committee will have a chance to take another look at it and, you know, add their final touch to a piece of legislation like this, hopefully make it better, and get something on the books in the state of Nebraska, so we can be proactive in this area. If I have any time left, I'd give it to Senator Stuhr, if she chooses.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr,...

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...about two minutes.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Aguilar, and thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to say that I do very much appreciate the discussion on the bill, and I do appreciate the work that the Judiciary Committee have been doing. I know that they have many, many bills that they need to address. And I would ask to withdraw the amendment at this time, and refile it on Select.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM2718 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.