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foster homes, and I'm very appreciative of this and have certainly expressed that to Senator Combs. This amendment, AM2142, states that Concealed Handgun Permit Act shall not supersede policies or rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under the Foster Care Review Act with respect to prohibiting handguns in foster care facilities, child caring agencies, and child placing agencies. Senator Combs explained to me that this amendment was quite far down on the list and wouldn't be able to be addressed this year, but I will tell you that children in foster care have come from homes of violence and abuse, have seen weapons, have seen guns, and when that child will go into the foster mother's purse looking for money, as oftentimes happens, and will find a handgun, things that we don't want to have happen can. And I've attended the funerals for too many foster children to not stand and speak on this issue. I ask you to consider this. This amendment is important. I thank Senator Combs for agreeing with me that it's important. To have the Handgun Act move forward without addressing this really is turning a blind eye to a problem and an even more critical potential problem. I thank you for the time and I return the balance to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Further discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to ask Senator Combs a few questions. And in order that she not get heartburn, she knows that I'm fond of her, so I'm not trying to put her down. These are not trick questions, and if anyone has asked what you think is a trick question, simply say TQ, and I'll drop off, because we speak in "alphabetaetical"--people can't say that let alone spell it but I'll say it one more time--we speak "alphabetaetically" to each other. Senator Combs, do you have an amendment pending which would take away the right of the city of Omaha to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: That's called preemption, and I am assuming...I've operated on this bill all along regarding the