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Reading and goes back and is laid over, the people that are proposing this amendment will still not vote for the bill. So in that way, it is not a constructive amendment, as Senator Landis' was to Senator Foley's bill. So respectfully, I am going with what I have in the bill. It is a good bill. It is a clean bill. And the questions that have been posed are not serious enough, in my mind, at this point, to warrant taking it back to Select. It's on Final Reading. It's had full and fair debate. It's been around for a year. Where were these people since January 2005 with all this fear mentality of legally certified permitholders? Where have they been for a year? This thing laid on General File for almost the better part of 14 months with nothing being done. So just because a weakening amendment begins to develop legs and gets some conversation going on it, with no intention of being...causing support for the bill, I don't see that as a reason to take this bill, that a clear majority of the body has supported, a clear majority of Nebraskans, off of Final Reading to discuss something that is not going to make the bill in a shape that they would support it. That's the whole point of taking a bill off of Final Reading. It's to make it in a shape that will cause more people to support it, to fix it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...in a way that they say, well, we see this problem, you fix this problem, we're going to support the bill, by and large, and it's usually an agreeable thing. So at this point, this is not, you know, the same spirit with which these amendments have been offered so, again, I just would like to proceed. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to go back a little bit to the discussion that Senator Chambers and Senator Combs were having a bit ago about the amendment that Senator Combs does have filed on the bill, and about the existing statutes that give cities the power to regulate concealed carry in their own cities. Senator Combs, I