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develop a situation where certain individuals can enhance themselves by taking advantage of a bill that was not necessarily meant to do that, and anything we can do to avoid that, I'm certainly willing to do. This is an important bill to me, it's an important bill to the people that I represent, and I just hope that enough of you here understand what I'm trying to do and I'm willing to make the bill a good bill by working with you between now and the next round of debate that we can, in fact, accomplish exactly what I want to do and not go beyond those parameters. So with that, I would appreciate your support of the bill, and I thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1248. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 1248.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1248 advances. Now we will pass over LB 1059, and move to LB 1055.

CLERK: LB 1055 introduced by Senator Schmitt. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year. At that time it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Judiciary Committee amendments pending. (See AM3034 found on page 721 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator...Senator Lindsay to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I'm, too, catching my breath here. LB 1055 is a bill which when introduced had a couple of major objectives. The first objective was to provide firearm proficiency training, education on the use of firearms, or to establish those provisions. The second major area was to allow some retired law enforcement personnel to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon. What the committee amendments do, after visiting with Senator Schmitt, the committee took out those provisions which were deemed the most controversial, that being those provisions which would allow for the concealed carrying. So what it would leave