

this bill. I have offered other amendments going to the preceding sections and now we are down to the last one which is the escape hatch. The reason Senator Chizek, Senator Beutler and Senator Hoagland had to agree to this mish-mash that you see on page 4, labeled Section 3, is because there were certain groups that were opposed to this kind of legislation. So the section specifically exempts from operation of this bill lawful activities of veterans' groups. Well, if the activities are lawful, they are exempt anyway. Lawful activities of students enrolled in a reserve officer training program at an educational institution. If the activities are lawful, ROTC is lawful, anyway. Lawful sports activities, including but not limited to those activities engaged in by hunting clubs, rifle clubs, rifle ranges, pistol ranges and shotgun ranges. Now, there is no definition of sports activities, but that could, as Senator Chizek mentioned yesterday, include football, hockey, karate, and the other things I mentioned. But you notice that the word "lawful" is in front of them. So if you are engaging in one of these activities and a license is required and you don't have the license, it becomes unlawful and then you don't have to be prosecuted for not having a license to conduct one of these activities, you can be prosecuted under this so-called paramilitary bill. So what they do is overlap, carelessly throw things in to try to overcome opposition without looking at the impact it has in demeaning the majesty of the law. And when I say, the law, I am not talking about LB 772 because that whole concoction is demeaning to "the law". Now, we go a little further and here we don't want to restrict the activities of the Game and Parks Commission or law enforcement agencies. You notice, they didn't put the word "lawful" in front of their activities. Everybody else's, when it comes to these kinds of things, such as weapons training and use, has to be lawful, but those of the Game and Parks Commission or law enforcement agencies need not be lawful, but that is a slight oversight because when you are throwing something together hastily, you can't get all of the points in. Now, subparagraph or provision 5 is the one that allows the escape hatch. Any program intended for teaching the safe handling and use of firearms, archery equipment or other weapons or techniques in connection with sports or other lawful activities. Any method that a person wants to utilize to teach the safe handling and use of firearms can be done under this bill. If you decide that you are going to put a number of people together and dress them however