

serious policy and they haven't thought of any of these things and not one example that I have given is outside the realm of what can reasonably be expected. These people will be able to make arrests for misdemeanors and felonies of every kind and variety. Senator Bernard-Stevens does not know if an arrest is attempted and the person to be arrested does not agree to the arrest and leaves, he doesn't know what ought to be done in that situation. I'll tell you, they shouldn't chase. One of the smartest things that a law enforcement agency has done that was just brought to my attention this morning is that if a dangerous situation arises and he or she can't handle it, let them go and call somebody whose job it is to deal with it. There is no need to have these standoffs, face downs and pistol fights at these weigh stations to prove some kind of machismo point to somebody. That is not what the weigh station is created for. This is not a Checkpoint Charlie, Senator Bernard-Stevens. This is not a checkpoint on the line of the Red Ball Express, Senator Moore. We're talking about a weigh station where you check various things about these trucks and that's what it should remain. If you extend the illogic of this bill, you could say that all of the people who are deemed security persons in the Capitol should now be carrying side arms because there are criminals out there and somebody might come in the Capitol Building who is not supposed to and won't leave when they're told to or might try to mug somebody or might steal a purse as has happened, but thus far they haven't had to carry weapons, but watch what happens. Senator Haberman was mentioning that the next ones who probably are going to try to do this are the probation officers. Now they've got to have a gat. Everybody got a gat, I got a gat, you got a gat, all of God's children got to get a gat. Then they will be shooting each other by accident and that has happened. They shot themselves cleaning guns, I'm talking about police officers. There are police officers who they say accidentally discharged weapons in the courthouse and one time a person was shot. I think he may have been killed and they said it was an accident. The gun discharged, not the cop shot it, the gun discharged. It takes on a volition of its own in the hands of a cop. Why do we need to put more guns into the hands of people whose job it is not to be using guns? I think the wise thing for us to do with as many state employees as possible is to say if you're confronted with a situation that could escalate to the point where you will be harmed, back off. You are not paid to risk yourself. You are not paid to control these situations or put out fires. There are trained, sworn officers whose job that is, and if there happens to be one