

I think that policy issue is whether it's a...whether it's a nature haven or what have you that students go to for studying their science classes or whatever. I don't think it's any safer to have a weapon on that property and maybe even more dangerous than it is to have a weapon in the classroom.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there's nothing in the amendment or in the original language in the green copy which talks about whether or not this property is occupied by anybody, whether a danger or hazard is created toward anybody, is there?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Absolutely not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're not talking about anything that creates a hazard to another person.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right, and it's written more broadly like that, Senator Chambers, because the thrust is not on the criminal enforcement but rather on the...on the weapon itself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What kind of knife is prohibited under this? Any kind of knife. Isn't that right?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And a knife, I guess, in general would be a blade...a bladed implement or an implement with a blade, a blade and a handle. Maybe that would be enough to make it a knife.

SENATOR LINDSAY: As you and I, I think, had discussion about this away from the microphone and it was my understanding that it was...and I'm trying to check on it, but it has a definition in statute already. If not, then I would guess that what you're talking about, a blade with a handle, would probably be accurate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I have to ask of you, Senator Lindsay. I think Section 6 is too broadly drawn. If firearms are what we're after, we ought to say firearms. If we mean the building and the grounds surrounding the building, that's what we ought to say. But to try to spread the net to include anything with which a school may be involved is a net that I think is too broad. And I think there is nothing for us to do, if we're going to work on this, other than to take it step by step and one of the first things I'm going to try to do,