

SENATOR AVERY: I...partly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, in your amendment, when you, in lines 13 through 16, struck language that dealt with specific types of handguns and other weapons, you also struck any other form of short-barreled hand firearm. If somebody saws off a shotgun and modifies the grip, that can be handled and it's designed to be handled in one hand. And that which right now is not authorized under the law to be held by anybody is now authorized to be used by a child, as long as he or she is under the supervision of somebody 19 years old. And remember, the person 19 years old cannot have one of these sawed off weapons, it's against the law for that person to have it. But for the child...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...under the age of 19 can have this sawed off weapon which the one supervising him or her cannot have, does that make sense to you? It doesn't make sense to me. None of these gun amendments make sense. But since the goal is to put as many guns into as many hands as possible, they're not careful in how they draft the amendments. But read it, short-barreled guns were stricken and will now be allowed to be handled by these kids.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Mr. President, colleagues, I think LB 988 has lost its focus. I signed on as a cosponsor of the bill originally when it was brought in to us. Since that time it has really mushroomed into something that is a lot less appealing to me than when we originally started the debate, and maybe this particular issue is an example of it. The issues we talked about are serious, and I suppose they were serious enough to be introduced as legislation. They were probably serious enough to be in its own form introduced, prioritized and debated here on the floor, but I really see no end in sight on this particular proposal. And when we discuss gun control and methods to keep guns away from children it's nothing new. We've had bills introduced to the Judiciary Committee. We've killed a number of them, we've sent some out to the floor, but this bill has become, it seems, a way to attach and at least debate the issue. But the bill is becoming something that's getting tougher and tougher to support. There's been amendments that have been