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promise you I don't think anyone probably is going to come and try to attack me. If I walk out of that same hospital with a gun hidden in my purse, I don't think that I have offered myself one lick of protection. And that's where I absolutely do not understand the argument that they think that this is going to bring a lot of protection to defenseless women. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just hope...I just hope all those nurses out there aren't listening to Senator Bohlke, or we'll have a lot of noise around our hospitals every night as the shifts change. A couple of points that I would like to make, and one of them, somebody said something about people are breaking the law now, and I think it was Senator Janssen. And I would just like to ask the question, if people are breaking the law now, what are they going to do if we put this particular piece of legislation into place with all these provisions in it? People may be breaking the law even more, if we pass this. The other thing that I wanted to talk about actually occurred in my district. And I don't know how many of you read the paper this morning, but there was a neighborhood...a group of neighbors that got together, about 150 of them, last night, who are very concerned, as well they should be, because an eight-year-old boy was assaulted, physically and sexually assaulted on one of the trails here, in Lincoln. And one of the things that we did several years ago, maybe it was last year even, we put in place sexual offenders bill, which called upon the Patrol to rate the...by degrees the different offenders, known offenders in Nebraska, and assign priority status to those offenders. And I believe there were like maybe about four different categories. And the highest category, I believe, would be known to neighbors if they were in that neighborhood, because they would actually be notified. And the people who were at this meeting last night wondered why none of them had known about this. Well, I had my office do some checking this morning, and they're working on it. The Patrol is working on it, but it hasn't been completed yet. They are working, apparently, with a college law professor, who is a forensic psychologist, and they are trying to get all of these offenders rated, and apparently there's a real backlog. My