

Chair. Now one senator said that this covers crime and punishment and it should be open to everything that covers crime and punishment. Well, then we don't need all the other legislation that pertains to drivers' licenses, and DWIs, posting posters in liquor stores, we don't need all of that other legislation because we can put it all in this bill. In fact, we don't need to introduce all these bills. We only have to introduce one bill and have it broad enough that we can put everything into that puppy that we want to. However, this amendment addresses more than crime and punishment. It addresses the manufacturing and selling of firearms. Now how anybody can say that those two are married, the manufacture of something and the selling of something comes underneath crime and punishment, I don't understand. Now I must say that I, too, uphold President Bush on his ban of firearms. I must say that beings everybody is getting a plug in as to how good Republicans they are. However, Mr. President, I am going ask that we do not overrule the Chair, and to be quite frank about it, I am getting a little ticked off of all these amendments we knew that they would be overruled that we are taking up all of this time, and I am guilty of it, when we don't have any time left. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any member may speak once on the question of overruling the Chair, who else would like to speak? Is there anyone else in the body that would like to speak? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I just now read the amendment, and it is well known that on this floor I usually like to take the broader view insofar as to whether or not an amendment is germane, and I would in this instance, I suppose, be inclined to accept it as germane. I do think, however, when you read the entire context of the amendment, it represents something which is extremely dangerous, and that which we do too frequently around here, and which I have been involved in somewhat myself recently, that is to jot down an amendment and toss it to the Clerk without knowing really the full impact. And as you look at the amendment and read it, first of all, it shall be a Class II felony to manufacture or sell any semiautomatic firearm. In other words, you can't manufacture it or you can't sell it without penalty of at least a minimum of one year in prison or maximum of 50, quite a little spread there. I don't know if you can give it away. I don't know if you... apparently, you can possess it, but you cannot manufacture