

see an alarming trend of violence towards women. Senator Crosby came before the Appropriations Committee and asked for more money to champion that. We see an alarming increase of violence against children. This society has just gotten more violent and yet I would suggest that perhaps the approach that's being taken here doesn't really even begin to address the real problem of how to stem that. I don't have the answer. I don't think anybody else does. I think sometimes, as politicians, we are tempted to pass a piece of legislation because we're frustrated and we don't know what else to do. Now I'll bet you nobody in here really believes that this is really going to solve the problem. Senator Crosby made a very good speech. I keep referring to her speech but I think she gave a real good one. She says, well, you know, they'll just go somewhere else and buy one of them. I'm looking at the list that Senator Ashford put out here. There are a good number of our neighboring states that don't have a waiting period. I don't pretend to be an expert on criminal behavior. I've never worked in that field. My counseling background though tells me that crimes of passion usually occur in a split second. Somebody doesn't say, boy, I'm really mad at you and run down town and buy a gun and come right back. Maybe I'm mistaken, but my guess is that whatever weapon a person chooses to use against another is probably something that's right there. And so I don't know that this really fixes that problem. Yes, we're all concerned about violence and yet I'm concerned about the implications of this bill. I'm concerned about the differences we have in this state about this bill and I would prefer not to see something in force right now that seems to essentially bring urban problems to rural areas and create urban solutions for a problem that we are fortunate enough not to have. I have, I think, shown my good faith and willingness to work with urban areas to try to help you address your problems but I would ask you not to enforce legislation on my area when there hasn't been any expression of a need for that. And I will work with you to try to resolve those problems but I cannot support a bill that is so broad in this state. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You're voting on ceasing debate.