

hand, I would be happy to look at it. Also, I would suggest to Senator Haberman that he discuss with law enforcement agencies throughout the state the problems that they are having with homicides and guns. And I would suggest that he will find that the problem is not an urban problem, that the problem is a statewide problem and it needs to be...the public policy we adopt needs to be a statewide policy. Senator Haberman may be very fortunate that in his district the homicides are not a big problem, that they do not occur, and maybe they don't, but I would suggest that if he talked to his law enforcement people, he will find that it is a statewide problem and needs to be addressed on a statewide basis. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on. Senator Haberman, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Ashford, I will make one suggestion real quick as to how to solve one of the problems on this bill. You go to page 3, for purposes of this section, handgun shall mean any firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches in length, period. Stop it right there. But, no, the bill goes on to say, or any firearm designed to be fired by the use of a single hand. There you are, Senator Ashford. That helps the bill. That will let the handicapped go hunting. This bill denies them that, I don't care what you say, with this in here because they use one hand, Senator Ashford, they use one hand. Now you, being an attorney, should know, you should know that in a court of law you are going to get somebody to bring this up. They just might throw your whole bill out. They might throw your whole bill out. Now, Senator Ashford suggests that I contact some of my law enforcement people. I have. We will go into what they told me about this bill when we get to the bill itself. Mr. President, I can see that I'm not going to win on my amendment, so, therefore,...no, I'm going to vote for it. I'm going to vote. Go ahead. I close and ask for you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Okay, that was the closing. The question is the adoption of the Haberman amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 1 aye, 10 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. We're back on the bill.