

attitude that pistols are legitimate pieces of property that the citizens should be allowed to own and make use of as they see fit. Writing a bad check can rise to the level of a felony, and the person writing the bad check may be as timid as Mr. Peepers. If a person were to break a window out of a house, maybe the house of an ex-lover, the house of a neighbor with whom he or she is having an argument, if the value of that window was sufficiently high, it could rise to the level of a felony. And there is no violence involved. Nobody was hurt, no attempt to hurt anybody. So what needs to be done with this entire issue is to have a reasoned, intelligent...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...factual discussion so that all of these buzz words, all of the attempts to intimidate and terrify people can be eliminated from the discussion. One of the major arguments the NRA used to offer, has been taken away, when the Berlin Wall came down it's more difficult for them to say that Russia is going to come over here and invade America and people need their pistols, their Saturday Night Specials, to fight them off. I think that LB 642 is entitled to the same treatment that those other nine bills were given this morning. So the first and preliminary motion is to change the Speaker's agenda in order that we can get to the rules suspension motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce a couple of guests of Senator Korshoj under the south balcony. He has his niece Kris Maggiore and her daughter Kelli Maggiore. Would you folks please stand and be recognized? Senator Beyer, you stood in the way and we couldn't see them. Thank you. Thank you, ladies, for visiting us today. Senator Ashford, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. First of all, I appreciate Senator Chambers' remarks and I appreciate his consistent support of this legislation and other legislation in this area. It's hard for me to understand how someone can be pro life and support waiting periods in abortion cases and not support a short waiting period in...for the purchase of a handgun. It's just some day someone can explain that to me and I'd love to hear the explanation and the logic behind it. The facts are that, as I've said over and over again, that we have individuals and taking aside just for a moment the issue of felons that Senator Chambers addressed and talk about people who