

what we're asking here. We want to keep that right so that we have some means of protection and I think we need to keep it. Look at what's happened in Omaha. Omaha has a very restrictive gun control. They have gun control laws running out of their ears and yet what do we read? There's a homicide in Omaha nearly every day, sometimes more than one. How about Washington, D.C.? What happened there? And they have gun control laws running out of their ears. The homicide rates, the crime rates in these two cities are terrible. But if we allow this legislation to be passed, we're letting them get a foot in the door, and I don't think that's necessary. Again, the abortion bills haven't had a vote, radioactive waste site bills haven't had a vote this session, and there's others, too, that hasn't had a vote. Senator Lamb's got a bill that hasn't had a vote on it. I still think we ought to have an alternative. But, ladies and gentlemen, we can't protect everybody. We can't protect everybody. How about automobiles? They kill. Would you want us to take automobiles away from you? Would we want to restrict the use of automobiles? I don't think so. How about gasoline? We read where gasoline killed 78 or 80 people just the other day. Do we want to restrict that? I don't think we do. How about ropes that people hang themselves with? Do we want to restrict those? I don't think we do, at least not in the rural areas because we use a lot of ropes for other purposes than hanging yourself. So I would say this is a gun control overrule motion to suspend the rules, and I would urge you to vote against it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I was going to call the question but in deference to Senator Chambers and Senator Ashford after Senator Hefner speak, I think it needs some response and I'm only going to take a second to say I think you're wrong, Senator Hefner, and I understand what you just said. I think a lot of folks have written and called that have the same viewpoint and, you know, I understand that viewpoint. But I think there's another viewpoint that says we have too much death and dying that guns are part of the problem and they're not obviously always used in the way in which we are talking about here that individuals are using guns for perfectly legitimate purposes for the vast majority of individuals for hunting, for self-protection. I think those are all legitimate uses. But we're also finding that there are uses and those occasions where guns are used and people are killed, harmed by