

important one is a mistake. It is a misperception of the seriousness of the issue that is tied up in LB 642. I'm sure that Senator Schellpeper would not say if the question was put directly to him that the number of accidents, the number of deliberate killings, and the number of accidental killings with firearms represents a problem that is not serious. He would not say that. He would say, yes, it is a serious problem. Something ought to be done about it. But I don't know whether he would have a suggestion as to what should be done so in order not to try to put words in his mouth, I would like to ask Senator Schellpeper a question if he's around. Is Senator Schellpeper here? Oh, he's not in the Chamber. He's discussing something more important than this and we know what it is. Members of the Legislature, oh, Senator Schellpeper, I was kind of stalling around until you got back. Do you agree that the number of intentional killings with firearms, the number of accidental killings with firearms and the number of injuries caused by firearms represent a serious problem in the state?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you feel that something should be found in the way of a remedy to that situation?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I do, but the waiting period is not the right way to go.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you another question or two. What do you feel rather than saying this is not the way, what do you feel is the way to remedy that problem?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think there are several ways that we can get at it. I think Senator Ashford is right that we need to take a look at it, come back next year with maybe a solution. We don't have time this year to work everything out, Senator Chambers. We need to move on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm asking you do you have a suggestion as to a solution, a possible solution?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Not off the top off my head, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. If people have looked at this issue, hammered it out, law enforcement agencies, private groups and associations, numerous individuals across the spectrum feel