

proposals. And I know we have one before Congress, but in talking to some of the Congressmen and some of the U.S. Senators, they don't think it will be passed. Why? Because gun control laws do not work, they don't work, and they won't work in Nebraska. President Bush is against a gun control bill, a national gun control bill. Gun control bills will not, and cannot affect the criminal acquisition or the use of firearms. Studies have shown that criminals laugh both privately and openly about gun control bills, because...and the reason they do this is because they can easily evade them. But these same criminals are concerned about those who are armed. That gets their attention when the other people can arm themselves and defend themselves. Armed citizens are an effective deterrent to crime rather than a gun control bill. Studies indicate that handgun bills are used approximately 650,000 times a year in our nation, and by law-abiding citizens for protection. Our citizens want to protect themselves, and also, many used shotguns or rifles to protect themselves. Many felons admitted at being scared off, shot at, wounded, or captured by an armed victim. A bill such as this, I just don't think it will work in Nebraska, and we don't have a place for it. Yesterday, I passed out an article that was printed in the American Legion Magazine, a national publication. And the title is, "A Farewell to Arms?" with a big question mark. And, ladies and gentlemen, if you have a little time, I would suggest that you read this article. If you don't have time to read it all, scan it and pick out some of the important ones. I hope that you can help me in killing this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. We'll now go to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and member of the Legislature, I am opposed to this kill motion. I'm trying to imitate Senator Hefner, he's opposed to everything. But this time he's for something, and it's for something destructive. Senator Hefner makes some of the most ridiculous comments of anybody that I've seen on the floor, he ought to be on that HBO comedy hour, and I think there's a future for him outside the Legislature, if he'd accept my advice. But here's what I'm trying to get to, when Senator Hefner was speaking earlier about the Iowa bill, and saying this is not the same thing, and Senator Morrissey asked him, did he know the difference between this and the Iowa bill. Senator Hefner, very honest, admitted he didn't know the difference. He probably doesn't even know what the Iowa bill