

would have a great... a great deal of problem thinking through this one and, for myself, I think that I will vote against the amendment until I hear more about it and until it can be determined whether this is going to cause a whole new round of debate on this particular bill on Select File. I think that this is not a bill that we should elevate to the level of so many other matters we have before us and I hope we can resolve it without broadening what the bill is about and getting into areas that are legitimate areas, but certainly in some scope of the proper orders of things perhaps should be taken up at a different time in a different bill. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the Preister amendment. Probably the concept is not so bad but the ten mile figure that he has arbitrarily thrown out there is way too far. I know that a member said something about bullets flying across the river and so on and so forth. Well, we're talking about shotguns. We're not talking about rifles. We're talking about something that has a range, maximum, of 300 yards maybe. I used to have a neighbor... neighbors that their kids had fights with shotguns. They'd get about 300 yards apart and see how far they could arch them up in the air and have the BBs come down on the other sibling. Well, shotguns are very dangerous at close range, but at long range they just don't travel that far. I'm not advising that somebody do that, but ten miles is excessive. A more reasonable figure might be two miles, 'cause that's the con... that's the controlled shooting area. That's how far away it has to be from another controlled shooting area unless it's a private controlled shooting area, so, Senator Preister, I hope you'll think a little... I hope you'll think about this and withdraw this amendment because the ten miles, that's... that's an area the size of Phelps County, the county I live in. That's six or seven townships and so it's really... involves way too big an area and way too many people and is not manageable.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock can answer this question because he touched on something I thought I would ask Senator Avery. Senator Schrock,