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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you could have a 30-year-old idiot bringing a two-year-old child and giving that child a gun to shoot. That's possible, isn't it?

SENATOR AVERY: I suppose it would be possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You could have a militia member who, because he doesn't want to run the risk of being impacted by the federal government or the State Patrol or anybody else, taking little children to these places just to familiarize them with shooting at something alive and if he'd pay the fee he could do there, couldn't he, and take his little children, couldn't he?

SENATOR AVERY: They likely could. I...I would see the landowner or the owner of the area controlling and being concerned about controlling those type of things from happening.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't we control it with legislation and set some minimum ages? Would you be against that?

SENATOR AVERY: I...I would have to look into it farther. I think there's things you can do in law and there's things you can't do in law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you...well, setting a minimum age is certainly something we can do because we do it all the time, so what would you have to think about before you could reach a conclusion that it may be wise public policy in these restricted areas to say that there's a minimum age at which a person is allowed to go into one of these areas to shoot?

SENATOR AVERY: I don't know right at the moment. I've been looking at some other things so I...my mind wasn't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR AVERY: ..even on this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But on Select you're not unwilling to consider that, and I know it's not something you and I alone would decide.

SENATOR AVERY: Right.