

don't know if it was actually added, but an attempt was being made to add it, which would require an expulsion from school for a certain period of time for a child bringing a firearm or however the terminology labeled a gun and I wasn't in favor of that being done automatically across-the-board in every case as a result of a federal mandate. Maybe in each individual case a determination would be made that that would be appropriate, but I voted against that because that is where I drew my line. I thought it was one of those things which should not be a matter for the federal government to make a declaration. It was similar, except that it was not a federal law to the case where the Supreme Court recently said that the federal government failed to show a close enough tie between banning guns in school zones and interstate commerce for the statute to stand as it was enacted. This was not a case of a federal statute saying that this...the expulsion would occur, but telling the Legislatures you had better do it or there would be some withholding of funds. That was all I was going to ask you, Senator Bromm, and I appreciate your assistance. I'm not against every directive of the federal government and, in some cases, were the federal government not there with a club saying do it or else, many rights that people enjoy would be stripped away by the states. Many services which states should provide for their citizens would not be provided. But I do think there is nothing wrong with making a rational, considered decision...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about each one of these instances as they arise. When it comes to clean air, it is not the type of issue that makes me feel that the federal government is being unreasonable absolutely and I'm not opposed to the amendment that Senator Wehrbein is offering to this bill, but I just thought I would add a little bit more to the discussion that Senator Bromm initiated here. Maybe before the session is over we'll have it again, maybe not until next year, but I hope others will begin to think about it too.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, is this closing? Is there...am I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: No, you're not closing, Senator.