

formal due process hearing as provided in Section 79-12,115, and the final section of the act deals with any firearm possession violation of the Gun-Free School Zone Act shall be confiscated and disposed of as provided in Section 28-1204.04. I'm going to pass out one last handout that deals with this particular issue. It's an article that deals with the Supreme Court's ruling and also an article dealing with three individuals who have also gotten off of a previous conviction for a Gun-Free School Zone Act as a result of the Supreme Court's...Supreme Court's ruling. I think it's very important that we provide a safe environment for our young people. I think it's very important that we protect the rights of Nebraskans to bear arms and I also think it's very important to get tough with criminals who carry guns unlawfully near schools. Children have a tough enough time learning in a safe environment without having to worry about a threat of criminals with guns at the same time. And, finally, I want to indicate that, once again, this is not just an urban issue, that there are problems that occur relative to this in communities near my district, as small as Odell, Nebraska, and as large as Beatrice, Nebraska. So I think, in reaction, we have an opportunity here...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you. We have an opportunity here to react to the Supreme Court ruling which, because of the Tenth Amendment, have said that it's up to states to enact legislation such as this. Forty other states have such a law. Nebraska, in the past, has relied upon the federal law. The federal law is not there anymore, thereby I believe it's imperative that we introduce, make a part of our crime bill this amendment to create a Gun-Free School Zone, and I would ask for the adoption of AM2316 to LB 371. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Abboud, your light is next. Waives off. Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it's not too often that Senator Schellpeper and I have the opportunity to work together on something, but since that rare occasion has arisen, I would like to yield my time to Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper, you are recognized.