

nothing to do...he mentioned armed robbery, if this amendment is adopted, a person who commits a robbery with a firearm will be charged with robbery and use of a weapon to commit a felony. Both will still be charged. It has nothing to do with armed robbery, or armed sexual assault, or armed murder, or armed whatever. Those offense will still be charged with use of a weapon to commit a felony, but this does not impact them. What this impacts is a very limited range of crimes where the use or discharge or possession of that weapon is an essential element of the crime itself. That's the only time...the only situation this will occur. Now, we don't have to adopt this. I put this out here as a, I guess, hopefully, a proactive approach to this, but when we see somebody walk down the road, when the Supreme Court reverses a conviction after we've had a crime and after we've had a victim and we come back here because it didn't sound quite politically right, we didn't vote to correct that ahead of time and somebody walks, we're going to see all sorts of stories in the paper about it but we have the opportunity to correct that so somebody doesn't walk. Let's correct that ahead of time when we know there's a problem, or we don't...at least perceived to be a problem. This will not affect the use of a weapon in the sense that most of us know how that's used, it's only in that limited circumstance and I quote the language, "unless the possession, use or discharge of a firearm is an element of the felony being committed." Robbery, for example, you need not use a weapon to commit a robbery. You can have a strong-arm robbery. You can have an armed robbery. In either case, they're charged with robbery. That's the only offense they're charged with. But if you use a weapon, then they can put on use of a weapon to commit a felony, which is a completely separate felony and ought to be a completely separate felony. I agree with that, and that ought to be the law and under this amendment would continue to be the law. If you have a sexual assault, a sexual assault can be...can be performed by overpowering...overpowering the woman or through deceit or the other ways. But if you pull out a knife to commit that felony then it is use of a weapon to commit a felony. This is not going to change that. Those will stay exactly as they are and they should stay exactly as they are. But if you have...if you have someone who is charged with shooting at a house, how can you commit the crime of shooting at a house unless you discharge a firearm? You can't go by and in a strong-arm manner shoot at a house. You can't strong-arm a house or you cannot deceive a house. What this is referring to is that situation where you have to use a weapon. If you're not using a weapon, you're not