

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Wesely. (Wesely amendment, AM2237, appears on page 2348 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, on your amendment.

CLERK: Senator Wesely's amendment is on page 2348, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This amendment was drafted as we spent all the time talking about gun-free school zones and then this bill came up and it seemed to me instead of calling these areas "controlled shooting areas" that maybe people could related to it better if we called them "school free gun zones", so that's what the amendment does. It's done in jest and to kind of poke fun a little bit about how we use names and some of those points we make. But after I thought about it a little while I thought I'd just take a couple minutes to talk about why conceptually we need to discuss a little more, when we get the time, about guns and violence in our schools, and guns and violence generally in our society, although these controlled shooting areas do not directly affect what we're talking about, they're an example that I want to get to of what's happening in our country today. First off, the concept of gun-free school zones, I did pass out some handouts for you, hope you had a chance to look at them because I think they'll be helpful to you. But with gun-free school zones what we're really trying to do is create an island of safety for our children in a sea of violence. And in my view violent crime is a concern to all of us, I think across our country people have rated it as the number one issue. But I think for all of us our young people in particular are increasingly the victims of violent crime. And I'm going to quote from the World-Herald story, run a few weeks ago. There, and I quote, firearms caused