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SENATOR JANSSEN: ...the situation that they...where they would have to use that weapon. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I want to...several times it's been mentioned that Nebraskans want to be able to do this, so I want to speak at this point to the issue of whether Nebraskans really want to see a concealed carry weapons law. Unequivocally, Nebraskans do not want this law. It's demonstrated pretty clearly by a survey by the Nebraska Crime Commission that was done in the summer of 1997. They did a survey. It had a plus or minus margin of error, 3 percent, and they asked three questions. The first question was, people should be allowed to legally carry concealed weapons. Seventy-nine percent disagreed or strongly disagreed with the premise that people should be allowed to carry...legally carry concealed weapons. Next question that they asked was, society in general will be safer if people were allowed to carry concealed weapons. Eighty-four percent of Nebraskans surveyed said that was wrong, they disagreed, they did not believe society would be safer. The third question was, concealed weapons will cause more gun violence. Seventy-nine percent agreed that concealed weapons, in their estimation, would cause more gun violence. We have an overwhelming majority of Nebraskans who do not believe a concealed carry weapons law is a good idea, overwhelming majority. Now the same tenor is felt across the United States. Include...a majority of Americans, including more than half of the country's gun owners, want stricter gun control laws, not more lax or "laxer" gun control laws. Sixty-nine percent favor stricter gun control. This was compared with 23 percent who expressed a desire for less strict gun control. Even among gun owners, 57 percent said they wanted tighter gun laws, while only 32 percent favored an easing of gun restrictions. An even larger number of Americans, 76 percent, were in favor of creating more restrictions on handgun ownership. Two-thirds of gun owners want stricter handgun laws, so not only in the state of Nebraska but across the country people believe that we ought to have stricter gun control laws, not more lax gun control. I want to close this particular portion of my speaking today by sharing an