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individual's personal viewpoint of this particular proposed law. Dear Senator, just a few days ago a State Patrol officer was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow trooper. Both officers were trained at one of the finest weapons training facilities in the United States. If a trained officer is capable of misusing a firearm then how safe it is to allow private citizens to conceal a deadly weapon? As the father of a ten-year-old son living in Lincoln, the thought of legalized concealed weapons is very unnerving. In my opinion, LB 476, a law to legalize concealed weapons, is capable of being the most socially destructive law ever written by the Nebraska State Legislature. I don't need a concealed handgun and neither does my neighbor. If you want to use a shotgun or rifle to hunt, go ahead. Have a good time. But I don't want you to have a gun in your pocket when I'm shopping at Wal-Mart. I don't want you to have a gun in your pocket at Memorial Stadium. I don't want you to have a gun in your pocket at an Omaha Civic Auditorium rock concert, and I certainly don't want you to have a gun in your pocket anywhere near my ten-year-old son. I'm just a middle class dad who rarely gets involved with issues, but LB 476 is the last straw. My life...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR KIEL: ...experiencing...growing up, my life experience growing up in Omaha tells me that giving average citizens the right to legally concealed weapons is bad public policy. The memory of trooper, excuse me, the memory of Trooper Mark Wagner's death is a chilling reminder that anyone is capable of misusing a firearm. Training and gun safety education is not the answer, saying no to the concealed weapons law is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've mentioned that with all the confrontations and conflicts I have, I don't carry a weapon. I'm not put in fear of things like that. But there was something I was going to do this morning that does put me in fear and I probably have lost my nerve, and with these people standing on the side, I shouldn't