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were selling more concealable firearms. Lumsdun (phonetic) added, "this is a good sign certainly for dealers who stocked up on concealable, low-cost, carry guns last year." In sharing Lumsdun's (phonetic) enthusiasm, the lead article in the June 15th, 1995, "Firearms Business", announced, concealed carry weapon bills are a positive direction for the industry. And I quote, "There are now 23 states with right to carry laws,"...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR KIEL: ..."including the recently passed legislation in Texas and Oklahoma, and dealers in states with new laws are finding that the legislation is turning into an economic windfall in both gun sales and in classes required to obtain concealed carry weapons permits. The marketing benefits offered by relaxed concealed carry laws have increased in importance as a result of a slump in overall firearms sales, estimated 20 to 45 percent for the first half of 1995 compared to 1994." I submit to you that these concealed carry weapons laws are being pushed more because they are of economic benefit to firearms dealers than for any other reason. In addition to financial benefits for the industry, training requirements for licenseholders present NRA approved firearms instructors with a new pool of students and increase equipment opportunities for the organization. This will increase gun sales in the state...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR KIEL: ...and it will increase the number of people carrying guns, and represent economic benefit more than anything else in this state.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Further discussion? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Janssen and I have just had a little discussion off the mike here about one of the provisions of this bill which I was curious about. I thought I'd read it somewhere in here, but when I ran into that language on page 12, about taking all other reasonable steps to ascertain whether or not the applicant meets the requirements, I got to wondering if the state or