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SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just thought that I would make a few observations that there's a lot of misinformation about concealed weapons. Number one, of course, is I think it's pretty well acknowledged that there's a lot of people walking around now carrying a concealed weapon, having available to them the affirmative defense that is set up in the present laws, which I believe is 28-1202, the affirmative defense, for when a reasonable man feels that he needs to carry a concealed weapon. The.... One of the difficulties with something like this is that people think that if you're going to carry a concealed weapon you are going to use it and, if you use it, you will kill someone. As a matter of fact, a handgun is a rather difficult weapon to use well. I would mention apropos, I am a firearms instructor. I have NRA certification for several disciplines, and it takes a long time to learn how to correctly and accurately and safely use a pistol. Years ago, when I worked in a gun shop in Omaha, people would come in, they wanted a gun for...protect the house, protect the car, protect themselves. And we tried, as best we could, to sell them away from handguns and onto more effective weapons. Generally, if you're going to protect yourself and your home, I'd get a sawed-off shotgun, 20 inch barrel, pump, something like that, very reliable. And it has a much heavier psychological benefit. But what happens when you carry a gun and you have some occasion to pull it from its holster? This license would give you the right to carry a weapon concealed. It doesn't give you the right to use it. Ninety-nine point nine, nine, nine percent of people who carry guns, and this would include the police, never pull it. If someone does threaten you, I believe, and there are sufficient attorneys in this body to tell me whether I'm right or wrong on this, but I believe the first duty that you have, if you are threatened, is to retreat. That doesn't change if you've got a gun. You have the right to use force to defend yourself, but you also have the obligation to use no more force than is absolutely necessary. So all the hyperbole that we have heard this morning in this Chamber about what's going to happen if people are allowed to carry guns, I can only say that, if it happens in even 1 percent greater than has happened anywhere else, nothing still is going to happen. It was mentioned on the floor today what you have to do to get a license in the state of South Dakota: walk into the sheriff's office, pay your fee, get