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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in perverse kind of way society, as a whole, could be said to have benefitted. But that is not the kind of benefit we're interested in. Senator Tyson knows good and well that there are people who should not be carrying these guns. And I like the way Senator Kiel described it, hiding these guns on their person, these guns hidden in their clothes. Some of the people who testified for this bill, before the Judiciary Committee on various occasions, would have given anybody pause who would have thought that people ought to be allowed to carry these guns hidden, if those are the ones who are going to be carrying them. I have more that I'll say, but not on this speaking opportunity.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You're not going to sing again, are you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I would give my time to Senator Kiel.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kiel, you're recognized.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Senator Suttle and Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. I, since Texas was referred to specifically, I thought probably it was important to provide some information about what has been happening in Texas. This is a report that was issued March 21, 1999. It's fairly up-to-date. Texas concealed handgun licenseholders have been arrested 2,080 times since the law making permits easier to obtain went into effect, an average of nearly two arrests every day since that time. Crimes for which licenseholders were arrested included 15 charges of murder or attempted murder, 6 charges of kidnapping or false imprisonment, 28 charges of rape or sexual assault, 103 charges of assault or aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 442 charges of driving while intoxicated, 30 charges of indecency with children 140 drug-related charges,