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conversation in convenience stores, of an astonishing upsurge in rural people being slaughtered on the streets because they were not carrying guns hidden on their person?

SENATOR BAKER: I had one, personal contact, the Simants case, in Sutherland. That particular person's wife, he was the minister, chaplain for the day, down here. Yes, she felt, if she would have had a gun that day, she could have stopped that person from killing her mom, her dad, her brother and his three children.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How long ago did that happen, Senator Baker?

SENATOR BAKER: Seventy-eight, I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that would be roughly how many years ago?

SENATOR BAKER: Twenty-one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, in the last 21 years, you're not aware of something like that having happened?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, the Belmarez (phonetic) case, in McCook, was similar. Those people...both these fellows were unarmed, and they were killed with a pick axe. And they always...I would assume that, if those people had any sort of defense, they would have used it against these fellows who actually pick axed 'em to death.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where were they killed?

SENATOR BAKER: In McCook, at the park.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: At the park. And you feel that they would have been carrying a gun at the park, if this bill would have been in effect at that time?

SENATOR BAKER: They...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were they the kind of people who carry...

SENATOR BAKER: If they...I.... They were two brothers from, I