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SENATOR TYSON: Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...second of all, the evidence that you need to gather. And yet this bill is supposed to bring some comfort to people by exempting those who have been prosecuted or found guilty of stalking. I think that is nothing but a feel-good type of amendment on the bill, and really does nothing in that whole area, because with the passage of this those stalkers will be able to carry a concealed weapon. And I certainly think that opens up a whole new area of danger, actually. And I don't know, perhaps this has already been discussed on the floor. But, Senator Chambers, would you please come over here to my microphone. Now, Senator Chambers, if you and I are about to have an altercation,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...and if I had a purse here,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...and I get the gun out of my purse. All right, here, Senator Chambers, can you take this gun from me?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What gun? That gun? (Laugh.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Oh! I mean truly, when we talk about this (laugh), helping women protect themselves, the Chief of Police in Hastings told me that exact scenario is what's going to happen. And, if women really want to protect themselves, Senator Chambers, if I, out of my purse, pulled some pepper spray and sprayed it, you would be running for cover, perhaps.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I would just take out my salt. (Laughter.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: But the idea that women are going to be able to protect themselves, I would say that if I'm a woman working late at a hospital or something, and want to protect myself, the best protection I could have is walk out of that hospital with a gun that is visible, fire it in the air a couple of times, and I