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didn't allow the carrying of concealed weapons at all, the crime rate fell 4.4 percent, from 4,810 to 4,599.9 crimes per 100,000 population. The decline in the crime rate of strict licensing, in no-carry states, was 2.1 times that of states with lax concealed carry systems, indicating that there are more effective ways to fight crime than to encourage more people to carry guns. And really, I guess, that is the main point that I want to make. We're talking here about people worrying about being assaulted, worrying about crimes, worrying about their own safety. And yet we don't really touch on some of the issues and some of the processes that we could use to decrease crime. I think crime always decreases when people have adequate food, when they have adequate jobs, when they have adequate housing, when they feel a part of their communities and a part of society. Putting guns in more hands...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...is not going to make it safer for any of us. I rather suspect that this whole concealed carry is just a little bit like the whole term limits craze of three or four years ago. It's starting to peter out. It's like the standards for schools, everybody is doing it, so why shouldn't we. And yet, after a while it kind of peters out, and we don't hear anything more about it. I think this is another one of those kinds of quick fixes, so-called quick fixes, that in the long-run does not serve our best interest. And I will repeatedly say don't do this.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I would give my time to Senator Chambers, if he would so desire.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to call attention again to what this amendment would do. The application fee, which is nonrefundable, would be \$450. My usual stance on things like fees is not to raise them. But this