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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, because I don't want the state taxpayers to have to subsidize the people that get the permit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that was my point, that we're basing this fee not on what the applicant is going to receive but rather on making the bill revenue neutral.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Revenue neutral, that's always been my goal with the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank...oh, do you think there could be another purpose for a fee such as trying to discourage certain people from taking advantage of it? Even if you don't agree with that, could that be a purpose that a fee would serve?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think that works, Senator, because I think we have a bill on cigarette tax, that that same theory, that if you raise it high enough people will quit, and I don't think that will work.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you think however high we raise this fee, those who want to get this permit would pay it.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, you'd have some individuals, but you'd penalize then the lower income people who wanted it because they couldn't afford it, so....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, do you think there are any lower income people who are law-abiding but carrying these pistols anyway?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Oh, a lot of them. A lot of them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, while they're carrying the pistol, why don't they just go get some more money before they become law abiding?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, because they don't want to do it illegally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to keep working this fee,