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areas where you could check, you know, run a check on people, probably find a lot of them right now. I don't know. I doubt very much in Nickerson, Nebraska, that you would...you would find anyone carrying a concealed weapon. Maybe they do. I don't know that. I don't know how many people carry them. At least the law enforcement agency would know who was carrying those weapons right now. They would be, with this, they would know who had the permits to carry those concealed weapons. The law enforcement agencies would know that. So I, you know, here again I am talking about something that doesn't pertain to the fees on the handguns, so...but I just wanted to let people know we have no idea how many there are now and hopefully, if this legislation would pass, those people that feel compelled to have a handgun now would go ahead and get a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. There's a couple things that I'd like to point out to you about this bill. First of all, if you look at the committee statement you will see that there were very few people who came in, in support of this bill. Besides the two senators who introduced the bill, there were three individual citizens and the Nebraska Council of Sportsmen. If you look at the opponents, you will see one, two, three, four, five, six, seven individual citizens, in addition the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, the Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police, Social Action Committee of Unitarian Church, Gun Owners of America, Nebraskans for Peace, Nebraska Association of Trail Attorneys, Springlake Neighborhood Association, Epworth Village. A big assortment of people from all parts of the political spectrum came in, in opposition to the bill. I don't think this is something that Nebraskans in general would favor and Senator Kiel has given us some actual polling information that does confirm that about Nebraskans as well as people across the United States. I want to share with you a couple more letters that I've gotten on this issue and one of them says: We have enough killing going on in our state without allowing for more weapons. Young people and irresponsible adults can get guns too easy as it is. To provide more for them to get a hold of is unreasonable. Even a responsible person would use a gun in an irresponsible manner