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assailant armed with a gun or knife? If the carrying of concealed weapons is such a good law enforcement idea, why are there so many law enforcement officers opposed to it? I would think even the most zealous of concealed weapons advocates would hardly accuse those lawmen of being "procriminal". Is there any chance that a good deal of the enthusiasm for concealed weapons legislation involves the macho satisfaction that some people would get from packing a handgun and telling others that they are packing a handgun. End of quote.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment, in case anybody's forgotten, that's what we're talking about, because of a basic, obviously, opposition to the bill and the wish to make it more difficult to get a concealed weapon license should this bill pass. Because I think people need to be very, very aware of the seriousness of what they're asking to do with put...strapping...I shouldn't say strapping because actually it's sticking a gun in your pocket or something like that, so what I'm going to do is kind of reiterate my basic opposition to the bill in general. Crime rates have dropped in states across the country, but they've dropped more in states that have very strict gun control laws compared to those states that have lax gun control laws. Nebraskans oppose a concealed weapons law by an overwhelming majority. Americans across the country oppose it to. This is not about safety. It's about gun sales. Sellers in the industry see this as an economic windfall. This does not protect women. We know that women are overwhelmingly killed by men they know rather than strangers. Young people are killing themselves and others at an alarming rate. The message of this bill is that gun violence is the answer to their problems, and I will go back to a couple examples of school shootings that we've had in the last couple years and I will...I'm going to read again the same quote that I read yesterday from the young man who shot some of his fellow students in Pearl, Mississippi. He said, I'm not insane; I'm angry. I kill because people like me are mistreated every day. I did this to show society, push us and we will push back. They have a common...kids have a common mentality when it comes to guns. It's not a spur of the moment thing with a lot of these