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that would make me support it. But if the body is of a mind to do this and if the Governor is of a mind to sign it, he did receive, I believe, contributions from the NRA, so I can understand that. Certain things in this bill ought to change, so I'm going to help us to move forward a half step and I hope backwards five steps. The bill should not even be before the Legislature. Any Senator, as we know, may offer any type of legislation he or she pleases. I've said it before and I'll say it again, this particular bill is the worst piece of legislation that I have seen come before the body during my 29 years in this Legislature. It's interesting that in the same way during the period of the so-called enlightenment in Europe, when all of the other countries were doing away with the death penalty, England, which was deemed to be one of the most advanced countries, not only was enforcing it with a vengeance but was multiplying the number of offenses for which death could be imposed--messing over somebody's turnips, breaking a window, cutting down a tree, such things as that. So the times in which things occur will not always let a person know what types of activities a legislative body will engage in. Right now, there is war going on in Europe. It may expand beyond the location where it is confined at the moment that I speak, but, one thing this country and that group called NATO is finding out, they are not dealing with a sitting duck as they did when they attacked Iraq, a little country, no air force to speak of, no military threat, despite the fact that this country, for propaganda reasons and propaganda issued by Israel, tried to make Iraq seem like the greatest threat to world peace. Well, now America and NATO are fighting a country which is not of a mind to roll over and play dead. They'll shoot at airplanes. They have an air force. They have powerful ground troops and, unfortunately, it appears they've learned the worst things from the Nazis. They are continuing to commit atrocities--clearing out villages, burning down homes, raping women, assaulting all people of all ages and genders. In that kind of setting, with wars and rumors of wars wracking this world, here we are in the Nebraska Legislature, in the heart of the United States, supposedly where values count for something, here we are considering a bill that is going to let all kinds of miscellaneous people get a license to hide guns in their clothing and go about armed. That is almost incomprehensible, except that those of us who have been in the world for awhile and paid attention understand that nothing is