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way you solve problems with yourself in a lot of young people's minds is to kill yourself. Now, in the study of suicide involving teenagers and young adults age 15 to 24, the suicide rate in King County was 38 percent higher than the rate of suicide in the Vancouver metro area. Virtually all this difference was due to a tenfold higher rate of handgun suicide in King County. What this means is that the way that a community approaches the kind of gun control it has, has a direct impact on the number of young people who kill themselves with handguns. The message again I...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR KIEL: ...message again I will tell my colleagues, especially to young people in these communities in the state is that having a handgun is a good idea and if you have a handgun you can solve your problems, and if you have a problem with yourself then it's real easy, with very lax handgun control laws, to kill yourself. And I believe this is one of the messages that we are sending with this law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Chambers, for the discussion on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 476.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have a publication here that came off the Internet. Circe (phonetic) will tell me exactly where it came from should I need to document. Oh, world... Omaha World-Herald story. Here's one of the paragraphs from...and I want...is Senator Raikes anywhere near? He might be listening. From 1994 to 1997, an average of 537 people were prosecuted each year in Omaha for the misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Now that's in Omaha, 537 people arrested each year, prosecuted. So let me get this right and just what it said. Five hundred thirty-seven were prosecuted each year, so that could mean more than that number was actually arrested and the charges may have been dropped, for one reason or another, prior to prosecution. We know that when we're dealing with any offense, the totality of those committing it will never fall into the hands of the law. If 10 percent of the people committing an offense of this kind winds up being arrested,