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of the Legislature. I know Senator Chambers does not like this bill. He says it's one of the worst bills he's ever seen. Well, I...this is my seventh year here and I've heard him say that about a lot of legislation, a lot of it, and I think that Senator Chambers will agree with me that there are a lot of bills that he doesn't like. There are a lot of bills that I don't like. There's a lot of bills that all of you, at one time or another, don't like. But I believe, you know, the compensations that were made and the concessions that were made on this bill from the last time it was introduced are quite a few. It's probably amended enough times in committee that I thought would be pretty palatable with those who were opposing it. I think it's probably about as good as it's ever going to be as far as having the bill here. The only other way would be if it wasn't here, and I think you're going to see this come back and back and back again. I don't see any indication from the people that I've talked to anyway that they're going to give up on this type of a measure. Last week, I heard on this floor one of my colleagues mention the fact that they thought that the only people who should ever have guns would be police. Well, you know that's not going to happen. It's not...that's not going to happen in this country. I don't think it ever should. Because most of you are old enough to remember some of the countries that have taken weapons out of the hands of the ordinary citizen and we've seen, history has shown what happens in some of those countries, not all of them. But you get the...you get all of the weapons, guns in someone...in just the police's hands. What are we going to go to then? You know, you look back before we ever, you know, before guns were ever invented. What'd they have then? They had knives, bows and arrows. You could put a knife in your pocket. You may have a little tough time putting a long bow in your pocket, but on the other hand (laugh) that's...this is...this is, I think, part of democracy, in my opinion. Over the weekend, I had several calls. I had calls from a lot of people in support and a few that needed some questions answered, and after visiting with them for awhile, now, whether they were, you know, just trying to make me feel good or not, but they understood what I was talking about and 90 percent of those, of the 2 phone calls that I got, if you can figure that 90 percent of them, were relieved when I explained to them what the provisions of...what was in the bill and the training that people would be exposed to. One