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some point. Thank you, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, people have a way of oversimplifying and stating things they cannot even prove factually, and that's what I'm going to get the "Baron" to do. It's one thing to say such and such was a policy. They know right now that people are not to carry guns in this country but they carry them. How in the world did people in the Warsaw ghetto get guns? So to say that because Hitler or anybody else said, quit carrying guns, people didn't have guns, is totally insane. But I'm not saying those who say that are insane. I'm saying they're simply misinformed, uninformed, or ignorant.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or all of them.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, timed that right.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kiel, you're recognized.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Since most of the impetus for concealed carry weapons laws or liberal gun laws has pretty much been based upon one particular study, I thought I'd talk a little bit about the person who is the author of that study. Most of you know that John Lott is a John M. Olin Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He is the author of the study purporting to show that allowing individuals to carry concealed handguns reduces crime. Some of you or maybe most of you are fairly familiar with some of the statements he's made about if you arm everyone then there will be less crime, but some of you may not be as familiar with some of the other statements that he's made on a variety of issues. First thing that I'd like to call your attention is that Mr. Lott, or I should say Professor Lott, has argued, in "Should the Wealthy be Able to Buy Justice", in the Journal of Political Economy, he has argued that wealthy criminals ought to be able to purchase legal representation that will allow them to escape conviction despite their guilt. Professor Lott writes: Preventing wealthy people from