

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

March 29, 1999 LB 476

power. Certainly don't want to see anything like that happen here. I don't think it ever will, but we don't want to even let a little bit of that slip away. I don't think the American people, people of the United States of America, are going to let that happen. Whether this is just one little part of preventing that, that remains to be seen, but I certainly believe that we will not see...we'll not see any more firearms carried by people than are carrying them right now. They only...the only difference is...the only difference is that they will be trained. To the best of my knowledge, the people will have some idea how to handle the weapon and how to diffuse situations that they come across, which they don't have now. A responsible person would not let that happen to them, but anything can happen. And I just...I hope that we are on the right track here. In my opinion, we are. And I certainly hope that we will...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...prevail in our attempts to get LB 476 passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I...I wanted to pursue a little bit my statement awhile ago that in Missouri this weekend one of my staff members saw great big huge bulletin boards...billboards all over the state advocating concealed weapons. And I...I want to...I want to get into that topic a little bit this morning and Senator Chambers's amendment I will support, of course, as I have supported every one he's put up to raise the fee that would be used here for concealed carry. But I notice this morning that Senator Hilgert passed out a memorandum suggesting that we might want to put this whole issue on the ballot and it could go directly to the voters. We could strike the provisions of the bill or we could place an effective date on the bill of January 2001 or 2003, et cetera. I would...I would strongly say, no, no, no. We don't want to do that. We don't need to do that. The Legislature is the place that we should decide that. I loved what the World-Herald said this morning and I...not sure who