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other. And the black guy said, we're not going to survive very long. The white guy said, maybe we shouldn't. So the black guy asked, well, what are we going to do? The white guy said, and this is what I want to get across to my colleagues, let's just sit here for awhile and see what happens, and the movie ended. But ours continues. This is a bill whose time has not come this session. Were it deemed to be very important it would have been prioritized, so it's clear that it's not a priority. And, from what I heard about the comments of Senator Baker, it's so that somebody who has committed misdemeanor domestic violence cannot have a firearm. Again, because nothing can be so frustrating as to want to speak and not be able to, I want to ask Senator Baker a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker, would you respond?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, I think you were about to explain why this bill is so important. Is that true?

SENATOR BAKER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you want me to give you an opportunity to make that explanation?

SENATOR BAKER: I would appreciate that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's the question I will ask you. Why is this bill so important?

SENATOR BAKER: If we do not pass this bill, it will allow people convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence to continue to be able to purchase firearms, and I believe that it's in the best interest of society to not allow those people to continue to purchase firearms. I think by not passing this bill we're going to go ahead and promote that. Domestic violence is obviously a very critical issue and this bill addresses it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But this bill does not end domestic violence, does it?