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rule rests on the fundamental principle that the government and its agents are under no general duty to provide public service such as police protection to any particular citizen. A publicly maintained police force constitutes a basic government service provided to benefit the community at large by promoting public peace, safety, and good order. And they do. Now, with the exception of the last three words, those are taken from Warren v. District of Columbia. And that's 444 A.2d, 1981 case, from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, in Bowers v. DeVito, which is 686 F.2d 616, 1982 case, says that there is no constitutional right to be protected by a state agency being murdered...against being murdered by criminals or madmen. So if you're going to defend yourself, the logical conclusion is that you're going to be your own defender in all but a very, very few fortunate incidents. If you are going to defend yourself, you will need something to defend yourself with, and that must be a firearm you at least have...one that you at least have a basic idea of how to use. How many people do you think in Nebraska are going to avail themselves under this act when passed? Nationally, there are 43 states, 33 of which have a "shall issue" permit now 34, because New Mexico was just signed into law. Of those states, various percentages of the total population have gotten permits. The state of Washington, for instance, they've had a law for, I think, 32 years. Those percentages of people that avail themselves of permit range from six-tenths of one percent to 4.6 percent of the population. My belief is, and it's a belief, not a fact, that there will be 30 to 34 thousand people in the state of Nebraska who will avail themselves of the benefits of this act. That would be about two percent of our population, 1,712,000. The concealed carry bill affirms the right that citizens have the right to defend themselves. And I...rather than go on, because we'll get into this in greater detail later, I would just leave you with one thought, that in a free society, the burden of proof is borne by those who would restrict the liberty of others. You have a natural right to keep and bear arms. As a matter fact, back in 1857, there was a Supreme Court justice, ruled in a case called Dredd Scott v. Sanford...and I'm sure that some of you would be familiar with that. That decision said that a free black man in the United States was not a citizen of the United States. In buttressing his argument,