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need more guns in our environment. We don't need them in our communities with people walking around with them in their pockets, in their jackets, in their purses. We already have 65 million handguns in the United States. That's a lot of guns, and one of the reasons behind these concealed carry laws is to be able to sell more guns so you can keep one in your glove compartment, you can keep one in your purse, you can keep one in your coat pocket. Guns last a long time. I don't think we need to be part of that movement to get more guns into society knowing the risk that they are going to be for the people...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...who are around them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Smith, on FA1212.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, the discussion got a little more interesting sooner than I thought it would when Senator Schimek characterized 21-year-olds as typically drunk. And I think that (laugh) I tried to meet with constituents and ask them the question...or actually emphasize the fact how it's great to have a diverse point of view, and I guess I rise to defend sober 21-year-olds. And I think that we can keep our discussion productive here. And another...the characterization of the Wild West if this bill passes, I mean, Vermont, which probably has the most relaxed policy relating to firearms, is probably one of the most liberal states in the nation. Call it progressive if you'd like. And one thing that I'm trying to confirm here is that 24 or 25 members of the body weren't here when this issue was discussed not long ago, or in my first year in the Legislature. But I think that if you want the Wild West then you require guns to be in plain sight. That's the Wild West. A more civilized society says, hey, if you take some training, if you recognize where you can't carry a concealed weapon, you can put it in your pocket instead of in the holster. And I think that if you really look at all the provisions of this bill, it represents a compromise. Senator Tyson would rather have a "shall issue" approach to it, similar to Vermont; others think otherwise. But I think that we can