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people didn't look at him and were intimidated because of what he looked like. He just did not find himself in circumstances where he needed to pull the heat that he could carry legally and pull legally and in his discretion take somebody's life with legally. So all of these arguments being given make no sense, and I intend to fight this bill tooth and nail until you all get a cloture vote successfully. The public has enough to criticize us for. There are enough problems we're trying to deal with. Nobody has ever shown in Nebraska a compelling need for citizens to go about armed with concealed weapons. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I don't have a problem with this particular division of the amendment in terms of definitions, but I have a large problem with the underlying bill, as to use the very appropriate language that Senator Kruse used earlier. I think we have a big responsibility on this bill. And despite what Senator Tyson said about his right, we are the Legislature and we determine all aspects of many rights in Nebraska. We don't have, for good policy reasons a law that allows people to hide the guns from the rest of the people when they carry them. Now you can strap it on and we can see it, and a law enforcement person can see it, and I could choose not to go into a store where someone was standing next to me with a gun, but if you take these guns and you hide them, the public won't be safe. And the public will also be exposed to a lot of guns that I'm not convinced even with training are going to help us in any fashion. Years ago when I was a county commissioner, I came in one morning and the reporter from the World-Herald was there. And he was telling me about a stand-off that he had covered the night before, and it was a case of a person, a hostage situation, a person who was mentally ill and had taken a hostage. And in this particular street, there were cars, law enforcement was lined up and down the street with rifles and guns focused on the perpetrator. And he said the interesting thing to him was the perpetrator dropped the hostage, and of the dozen people lined up on the cars, these are all people with