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committee amendments, because I think that if this bill is to pass, I want it to be at least as good as we can make it. But I will not be supporting the underlying bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Thompson. Is Senator Thompson in the Chamber? Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in opposition to...specifically, just to Senator Chambers' amendment. But I would like to express my opinion as to the support of the bill itself. I do believe that concealed carry does help to decrease the amount of crime in areas. And I wondered if I could direct a question to Senator Tyson, if he would yield please.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Tyson, would you yield, please?

SENATOR TYSON: Yes. Thank you.

SENATOR COMBS: I was wondering, how many states did you say already have concealed carry on the books?

SENATOR TYSON: I don't know if we are now counting New Mexico or Colorado, but I...that would make it 35.

SENATOR COMBS: Thirty-five.

SENATOR TYSON: It's 33 now that I know of.

SENATOR COMBS: Okay. And...

SENATOR TYSON: But I think both of those passed last week.

SENATOR COMBS: Okay. Good. As far as outcomes, do we have any data relative to outcomes, anyone who's had the law on the books a specific period of time that would tell us any kind of a disparate outcome as a result...direct result of having concealed carry on the books in those states?

SENATOR TYSON: There are any number of surveys, study papers, et cetera. A good many of them are written in a lingo,