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to waste the energy because their hatred doesn't hurt me, getting threats, and not carrying guns, not even wanting to carry a gun. I don't have a pen knife. I don't carry a fingernail file. I could get through the checkout in the airplane...in the airport quicker than anybody else, as I've done a couple of times since they've been terrified. I carry a little-bitty bag. And one of the checkout ladies looked at it and said how cute it was, and didn't even open it. Now, she did make a comment about my appearance. But I didn't have to get out of the line and take my big shoes off so they could look in the heels and the soles to see if I'm going to blow up the airplane. Or maybe they could look in my face and see that I'm too intelligent to take my life, or the lives of people who have not harmed me in any way. But if I was one of these people who's so terrified that I got to carry a pistol, and I left my pistol at home, your eyes would be wide and staring, they'd be glittering, you'd be twitching around the mouth, you'd be looking around at everybody, because you think somebody is going to kill you, you're the one that the security people would pull out of the line, because you look dangerous. So I think it would behoove those of us in the Legislature to give serious thought to the kind of society we think this state ought to have. Should it be one which is full of fear, and that fear is being stoked by its public officials? I say, no. We need to calm people down, literally. We need to step back ourselves and take a deep breath. I would rather see everybody in here taking a Valium instead of being so hot and bothered about everybody carrying a pistol hidden. One good point Senator Tyson made and it caused me to wonder why the definition of a handgun is what it is. Now, they have a picture of what they call a Buntline Special, when some of these cowboys are fast drawing. But they don't use it in the fast draw, because you got to have an arm about this long to get it out of your holster. And by the time you get it out, you've been ventilated, brothers and sisters, or "pardner." The barrel can be 16 inches long. This is 12 inches long. That's the barrel, with four more inches. And you want to be able to carry something like that...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.