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Raikes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I did have a word or two with Senator Foley in the hallway this morning as he was making his way to the Chamber and I will not try to change his mind because, having heard his comments, I don't think that's possible. And I doubt that I can change anybody else's mind. Maybe it is possible, but nevertheless I want the record to be replete with the arguments I made against this bill and the problems that I see with it. I believe that those who are on this bill are locked into it so tightly that they're not going to look at any flaws and defects in the bill. But as I offer these various amendments, some of them will easily be understood and not have to be discussed at great length, I will go into and discuss additional parts of the bill. It was necessary to divide the question to make sure that I would have adequate time to discuss the bill. And I intend to do what I said I would do. I think this is a pernicious piece of legislation. It is contrary to the best interests of the people of this state, and I don't... Senator Foley said he doesn't want to hear anything about John Lott? Well, what he doesn't know and he probably wasn't here, I heard John Lott's name till it was coming out of my fingernails. That's what they all were invoking. He was their patron saint until I stuck a pin in his hot-air balloon, and if I hadn't done that you would probably be quoting John Lott also, because nobody on this floor has given a rational, let alone a compelling, reason for having people going about armed with hidden guns. There's nothing in the bill that relates to the number of weapons that a person can carry at one time. I think there ought to be limitations, and I'm not saying that facetiously, although at some point an amendment I offer may appear facetious. I think a person who is going to carry a concealed weapon ought to be required to have insurance, just like a person who drives a car must have insurance. If you have a car and leave it in your yard and don't go on the public roads or highways, you don't have to license it or get insurance. But when you're going to take it out there where you can be a hazard to other people, even if you're the safest driver who ever sat behind a wheel, you have to have auto insurance, at least liability. And I'm working on an amendment to require insurance, which I know those on this