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bill is, this bill you are not judged guilty before the fact. You don't have to prove your innocence under this bill; you do under 28-1202. That's one of the things we're trying to correct in this bill. You have a right to defend yourself. You may not avail yourself of it, but of course if you don't then you can't complain if someone assaults you. How many people are going to be assaulted? Mercifully few. How many people are going to take advantage of this bill? Not very many. I said yesterday maybe 2 percent. But those people, according to 28-.202, have the right to carry guns now and...pardon me till I get to the right page, 28-1202 now reads,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ..."It shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant was engaged in any lawful business, calling, or employment at the time he or she was carrying any weapon or weapons and the circumstances in which such person was placed at the time were such as to justify a prudent person in carrying the weapon or weapons for the defense of his or her person, property, or family." People under guise of that law are carrying weapons now. A good many of them have told me that they would rather be judged innocent until proven guilty, rather than guilty until proved innocent. There was something about that's the American way in there, not Norman Lear's American way, the American way. This is what we're talking about. We're talking about reducing an activity to the limitations of the law. We are trying to control...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have not yet spoken on this issue, so I thought that...I was here four years ago when we had the last debate and I can say that things haven't changed a lot. There's pretty much the same discussion along the same lines. But I do support the bill. I do support the committee amendments and I think