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didn't like the fact that that generator was running. And she ran over and yelled at the guy who had the generator running and on her way back, I said, did you get things settled, because, quite frankly, I was a bit annoyed by the generator myself, and she started talking and come to find out she was an avid proponent of the Second Amendment relating to the right to bear arms. In fact, she's even the Colorado coordinator for a group they call the Second Amendment Sisters, and there's a large group of females out there who support issues such as this and I think the body would also reflect that as well. So I'm a bit perplexed as to why the gender was thrown into the debate yesterday, but I believe that it crosses all parts of society and especially gender. It's interesting how we have an open legislature that I would argue is probably the most open in terms of security safeguards at our entrances, but probably the most open Capitol Building across the nation because our openness is based on the premise that people have access, people have the freedom to come and go unaltered because we assume that they're innocent until proven guilty. And again, I go back to the question, why do some people want to know what's in the pockets of another person? Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Tyson said we have the right to preserve life, I think he said, but as some figures and facts and figures that I got, we're going the wrong way, and I...it really...I really am kind of amazed at the fascination that we have in this country with guns; that we just love our guns. I guess I've had a bad experience with guns, or my family has, so I don't...they're not a fascination to me and so forth. But if we're supposed to preserve life, look at what handgun death, and we're talking about handguns because we're going to talk about the concealed, deaths per country: Germany, 381; France, 255; Canada, 165; United Kingdom, 68; Japan, 69; the United States, the good country where we have guns, 11,127. Maybe it's not going to cut down on crime, Senator Stuhr, but do you know that we have had in this country, because of our love of guns, 15,000 unintended gunshot wounds that are treated in an emergency room each year; 15,000 kids are...as a result of our great love for guns? Of