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award for the most startling kinds of situations, and in the past he says they've honored such winners as the sleepy man who picked up his gun instead of his ringing phone and shot himself in the ear, and the angry man who shot his girlfriend in the thigh because she cooked him string beans once too often. It goes on to talk about the large number of people in the man's best friend category in this particular year and, in fact, he talks about a Rock Island, Illinois, man who put his rifle on the ground after shooting a passing bird. As he bent to pick up the bird's carcass, his dog stepped on the shotgun trigger, causing it to fire and wounding the bird slayer. This confirms the NRA's slogan, says Ryoko, guns don't shoot people, dogs shoot people. In Dallas, a man became enraged when his two dogs chewed the wires of his motorcycle. He got a shotgun from his house and began beating the dogs with the butt. As he thrashed them, the gun went off, wounding him in the shoulder, but the dogs haven't chewed on his motorcycle since. An even angrier dog was...dog owner was a Fort Lauderdale businessman...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...who vowed that if his poodle ever nipped him on the ankles again he would shoot it. Sure enough, the poodle nipped, so the man whipped out his .357 magnum and began blazing away, killing the poodle. My wife walked in the door at the wrong time, he later told police, explaining how a bullet bounced off the floor, hitting her in the leg. He said, she's real mad, but I got the dog. And it goes on and on in this vein, and the only reason, other than maybe adding a little humor to the situation, is to say that these kinds of accidents do happen and they happen all the time and they are more likely to happen if you have more guns prevalent in the society. And I believe this bill encourages more guns and that is the basic and underlying reason that I am stiffly in opposition to LB 265. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. There are people wondering where they are in the speaking order, and they are Senators Erdman, Landis, Mossey, Price, Engel, Smith, Mines, Quandahl, Hartnett, Baker, and Thompson. Senator Erdman, on FA1225.