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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I had a chance yesterday afternoon to share some information with Senator Schimek, and I think she was surprised at the source. Because we have a lot of discussion about the number of accidents that happen, and before I talk about those actual numbers, I don't read the bill to say that we're going to require people to have a gun. I don't read the bill to require people to go buy a gun. I don't understand the logic that people are going to...if Senator Tyson is correct that we're going to have 2 percent of the population apply for this permit and there are already people carrying this weapon, whether it be a gun or other concealed item, I don't read where this is going to be more guns. The argument could be made that people might be more likely to purchase a concealed weapon if they could...or purchase a weapon if they could conceal it, but again the logic doesn't quite...the dots don't line up for me. But let me talk to you about the injuries or accidents that have been caused by I don't know how many leading causes there are here, I would say a good dozen or so, and this was brought to me or this was taken off of the government's web site, the Center for Disease Control. They keep track of all the unintentional injuries that happened in Nebra...in the world or in the United States that are then reported to them and they compile them and compare those different causes of death. In the year 2000, which is the last up-to-date amount that they got, and I have this breakdown by all ages up to a certain amount, and then it breaks them down in the same categories and it goes through here pretty in-length, there were 776 unintentional injuries which caused death by firearms, which accounts for .8 percent of all deaths in the United States in 2000. That's all ages, all races, both sexes in the United States as according to the Center for Disease Control. Now we can read all 776 of those stories, and that's true. The reality is that, yes, those are lives that we shouldn't take lightly, and we should do everything that we can in society to put policies in place. But we've got to realize that common sense and personal accountability has got to be the first and foremost policy that needs to be there. You're 20 times more likely to die by falling down, according to the Center for Disease Control, you're 20 times more likely to die falling down than you are to be killed by a gun, accidental gun