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going off, 20 times. You can go down here and there is actually only one, two, three, there's only four causes of death that they list that are less than accidental gun deaths by firearms; machinery, bicycles, overexertion, and by someone who, as they list it, cut or pierced themselves. So put things in perspective, in my opinion, and I showed these numbers to Senator Schimek, and she kind of looked at them and went, oh, I don't know, where did you get that? And I said the Center for Disease Control, and that made her think twice. The other issue that I think is important, I think Senator Raikes has brought up some good, compelling points this morning. I think it's also been pointed out this morning that the speeches that are being made probably aren't convincing people one way or another. Senator Chambers is building a record, fine. Senator Tyson is building his own records and correcting some of the comments that have been made on the floor. I think that's fine as well. I don't have any illusions that I'm up here convincing any members of the Legislature to change their vote. But I think that when we talk about these issues, I think we need to have the balance and I think if there is a question that is brought up that is unfair or...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...not accurate, we need to correct those. It's been pointed out also that we do have this opportunity, as citizens of the state of Nebraska, to carry a concealed weapon. I think it's interesting that in society where you're innocent until proven guilty, we actually have a law that says you're guilty until proven innocent, which seems to go against some of the philosophies of members of this Legislature, but so be it. Right now you can take a gun anywhere if it's a concealed weapon under the existing law. Under this bill, it would clarify, one, that you're not guilty until proven innocent, but you're innocent until proven guilty. And it would allow the state to determine the guidelines for that permit, which is definitely allowable under the constitution. Now some of these limits for some might not be as palatable as others but, obviously, to create a bill that will pass you have some type of compromise. So I rose to share some of those numbers. I imagine we'll hear from those same numbers from the Center for Disease Control