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couldn't hit anything with it. But that, and so I'm not a gun person. I hunt pheasants, et cetera, but I'm not a gun person. But the thing is, I told him, I said as far as I'm not going to carry one, but I think if I was in an area where I had some fears, I think I'd feel more protected even though I didn't carry one, because they wouldn't know whether I had one or not. So with that, I'd yield the rest of my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Want to continue the story that I was telling before about being in Colorado and coincidentally meeting the Colorado coordinator of the Second Amendment Sisters. And she was upset with the camper down the lane for running their generator late at night. And, believe me, she was upset. However, never once did she pull a gun, even as much of a supporter as she is for concealed weapons, although they don't have it yet in Colorado, but whether it was hidden or not, and I don't even know if she had one in the car, in her camper, whatever the case might be, but she and her husband are law-abiding citizens who support the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. There aren't too many rights that are as specifically set out in the constitution as the Second Amendment right to bear arms. And that's why I support LB 265. We heard a few minutes ago one of our colleagues say that guns kill people, people don't kill people. And even though there are weapons considered automatic, it still takes a human to pull that trigger or engage the gun one way or another. Guns don't pull their own triggers. And it's about as simple as that. You hear about road rage, and road rage takes place whether a gun is hidden or not. And trying to regulate the number of guns in society does not get to the issue of road rage. And it's preposterous, to me, to think that those who want to regulate guns in any way possible think that they can get to the root of crime because it's not going to work. And so I believe that we can restore a little freedom here, based on the Second Amendment, and I hope that you will vote to cease debate on LB 265 and vote for the advancement. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Mines.