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can go to operas. You can go to the concerts. You can go here or you can go there. You got a hundred movies. I say, well, how often do you go? Oh, I don't go but I can. Sometimes it's that philosophy, you know. The same thing here. They won't carry a gun. I'd be surprised if even 5 percent. I bet you if this bill passes, I bet there won't be 1 or 2 percent carry it. Am I supporting this? Am I pushing it? No. Make up your own mind, if you haven't already, which you have. So I guess that's an oxymoron,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...but whatever. One minute. I never speak one minute, Senator Hartnett, so I'd better sit down and shut up. But I'm just saying this is not a life or death issue with me. I really don't care, but our constituents do and they want to know how we feel. So like everybody else, I want to get on the record that I'm going to vote for it. Is that good or bad? I'll let you be the judge. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Smith, this is your third time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and members. I was ready to be quiet on this one until one of our colleagues said that we cannot let virtually everyone or anyone carry a concealed weapon. That's not what this bill is about. This bill is about a screening process that involves law enforcement, that involves several qualifications, probably a lot more than a lot of us would choose, but a lot of the qualifications, as outlined in the bill. We're not talking about letting "virtually anyone carry a concealed weapon." Why am I supportive...in support of LB 265? Because I believe in the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms. I believe that we are charged with maintaining the freedom of society. That's why we have an open Capitol here, as I mentioned before. We don't want to just close everything down, because that's really what the intent of the terrorists are. So when we look at certain violent acts that happen to involve guns, let's look at Columbine. What happened in Columbine? I remember that was my first session down here in the Legislature, walking across the