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SENATOR TYSON:    It's not.    Why isn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    And, Senator Tyson, so you will know what this, I had put a number of amendments up there.    One of them would have changed the name of the bill.    I've withdrawn that one, and I'm on an amendment which relates to the length of the barrel that is found in the definition of the handgun that can be concealed.    I would reduce that length from 18 inches to...I meant 16 inches to 8 inches.    Now because you probably are the resident expert on firearms, how many handguns are you aware of that likely would be subject to this bill in terms of somebody actually getting a permit to carry it that would have a barrel in excess of eight inches long?

SENATOR TYSON:    Quite a few.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    That would be concealed.    Could you give me some examples?

SENATOR TYSON:    Well, could I enlarge on that, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Sure.

SENATOR TYSON:    The Model 29 Smith and Wesson, which is a .44 magnum, one of the models has an eight and three-eighths inch barrel; eight and three-eighths inches is not an uncommon length of some magnum handguns.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Well, let's say...

SENATOR TYSON:    Or 22 long rifles that have eight inch barrels.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Well, let's say nine inches then, would that cover most of those?

SENATOR TYSON:    There are a couple of lugars, Sturm lugars that are in excess of ten.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Now, Senator Tyson,...