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SENATOR CHAMBERS:    No.

SENATOR TYSON:      Oh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    You would oppose this amendment then that would reduce the length of the barrel from 16 to 8 inches, is that correct?

SENATOR TYSON:      I would do what?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Would you oppose the amendment that I'm offering?

SENATOR TYSON:      Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Okay. How long do you think the maximum barrel length ought to be?

SENATOR TYSON:      For the purposes of this bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Yes.

SENATOR TYSON:      We put in 16 inches.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Why should we put any length?

SENATOR TYSON:      It's a nice number.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Well, why don't we just strike that and let it be any concealable handgun which is designed to be fired with one hand?

SENATOR TYSON:      Well, Senator Chambers, there are a type...there is a type of weapon called an Entry gun that commonly have 14 inch barrels.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    So what do we need to put the 16 inch limit in the bill for?

SENATOR TYSON:      Well, 16 inches appears in federal law as a...one number; 18 is another. Anything under an 18 inch