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sense of mental balance because of situations around them, and no test in the world, no application process in the world is going to detect that. I think we are moving into a very dangerous situation if we pursue this bill, and if we open up our society to be even more gun oriented than it already is. I thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Erdman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson and I were having a discussion off the mike but some of it, some of the questions I asked him and some of his answers I think should be on the mike. But I want to make it clear what I'm trying to get at through the questioning that I am engaging in. What we're doing with this provision that I'm talking about is providing a definition of a handgun. I do not see the necessity of any reference to barrel length. Senator Tyson has mentioned and referred to various federal regulations, but this definition is not lifted from the federal law. We are not incorporating any federal rules or regulations by reference in this amendment, the committee amendment. So what we are doing with this definition is providing a free-standing definition independent of any reference to any definition anywhere else. We are crafting it here and we can put in it whatever we choose. I have not had it explained to me satisfactorily why there is any need to have a reference to barrel length. We are not defining the type of weapon which can be registered legally. We're talking about the kind of weapon that may legally be carried concealed. If a person has a weapon which cannot legally be registered, there is no way that person can get a legal permit to carry it. The presumption is that you're dealing with a weapon that the permit holder may legally possess, therefore may legally carry. None of the other issues, such as, this person having a legal right to own or possess a weapon, that's not a part of this definition. The description or type of weapon which may legally be registered is not a part of this definition. The only thing this definition does is to define a handgun independent of all other considerations. The only language in this proposed definition that is relevant to what we're defining is the phraseology that says, "designed to