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taken, one of the places, at least in my district, where, over the years, some hotheads prevailed, were athletic events that weren't school sponsored. There are lots of...this provides for school sponsored activity or athletic event. But we have lots and lots of leagues that are out there for a variety of sports, for both kids and adults. And sometimes tempers really flare. And we've had incidents in my district, and I'll be you've had them in yours. And I think introducing a bunch of people to these situations carrying concealed contributes to a time when people's adrenaline is flowing and they're fired up, and they may have opinions about a call of a referee, or the conduct of a team. They get into it. Parents get into it with each other. And it's kind of a climate that's changed in recent history. And I think it's a problem that we don't include those kinds of athletic events on this list. Because sometimes a school ground, school event, has more people working it from the school staff, people who know the parties involved, know the students, know the kids, know the parents, and are trained to defuse some of these situations. But a lot of the athletic leagues don't have those kind of people available. And I could bring you some articles that...and tell you some specific stories. But I bet you already know them, and I bet you've already seen the tempers flare at these activities. And I think it's just not a good idea to bring guns into those situations. And to go back to a number of issues about this bill, I think after the discussion, whether you're for it or against it, I think you know, I think the sponsors know, this bill needs a lot of work. I don't think we have the time to do it here. If we spend another eight hours on this, or ten hours, or however long it's going to go on the second round of debate, all those priority bills that are out there that have a lot of other issues that I think are of greater significance than this bill that allows people to carry guns anywhere they want to, hidden, aren't going to be able to come up, because this needs work and it's going to take time on the floor. I think it would be better to vote against cloture, and allow the debate on other issues to go forward. We have a lot of important things to concentrate on, including the budget. But I think if you look at the provisions dealing with the sheriff's office, if you look at the provisions dealing with firefighters and EMS workers, if you look at some of the definitional...carrying out some of the definitions, as Senator