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Chambers has been pointing out, we shouldn't put this into law in the shape that it's in now, just because the National Rifle Association and some gun owners in the state want to be able to carry hidden weapons in our communities. I think we should vote against...when the cloture motion comes, vote against that, and also take the time to look through the various flawed aspects of this bill, and the problems that it's going to create to local communities, local law enforcement, our courts, where some of these things will be appealed and tied up, and say, this isn't the time to do it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We are skating all around this bill. I think we've discussed almost every part of it. I believe that we discussed the portion that regulates the conduct of a permitted weapon holder when he is contacted by the police. I touched very briefly, possibly not enough, but...on safety and the use of deadly force. I've explained what happens if a permit holder has to fire his weapon. It's contained in the bill that a report must be made of any property or personal damage. And all these, I believe, and I would offer to you, are peripheral to the bill itself. It's how we go about it. But why do we go about it? We go about it because everybody has a right to defend themselves. And although there's a lot of misinformation about firearms...I heard astonishing things today about a Desert Eagle .50 AE. And I'm probably the only person here that's ever fired a Desert Eagle, or owned one. What we are here for is to set the policy of the state regarding permitted conduct of a citizen. A citizen has a right to defend himself. Everybody agrees with that. A citizen has a right to keep and bear arms. Everybody agrees with that. I think they do. Maybe they don't. Senator...could I ask a question of Senator Chambers?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, would you yield, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR TYSON: Simple up or down answer, Senator, if you would. Do you believe that people have a right to keep and bear arms?