

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 17, 2003

LB 265

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I haven't weighed in on this, and when I do weigh in, I weigh in a little heavier than some of you do. And if my chair collapses like Senator Preister's does, you're really going to see a commotion back here. So, Senator Preister, you have my condolences. Let me just say I don't own a handgun, but I did serve a little time in the National Guard and I was a member of a tank crew and they gave us these side arms. They were called .45s, but they didn't give us any bullets. But they did take us out to the firing range and let us fire them one day. So they were pretty careful. But I've had a lot of people in my district talk to me about this bill and they're mostly proponents. If a person doesn't understand the bill and you don't line (sic) guns, you're not going to like this bill. But I can tell you Gloria Erickson would make a special trip and come down here and really get after me if I voted against this bill. Now here's a lady who's hunted all over the world, one of the greatest sportsmen the state of Nebraska has ever had, and she's been a member of the...she's been a member of the Game and Parks Commission, and I have a lot of respect for her opinion. She's a member of the Safari Club and all...a lot of wildlife organizations, and she's in favor of this bill. I don't own a handgun. I tried to teach my sons that they didn't need handguns, but I do have a son that does own one, and he's in favor of this bill. So I guess I'd be banned from the family if I didn't vote for this bill. Fact of the matter is people do have handguns. They do carry them. And if they do, I want them to have a training course; I want to have them licensed. They scare the heck out of me. They scare the heck out of me. Senator Tyson, I want to ask you a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Tyson, would...

SENATOR TYSON: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...you yield?

SENATOR TYSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHROCK: If I have a constituent who's traveling down