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terrified. Now that I think is highly irresponsible for a preacher or any other person in this society to do, to spread fear, to spread terror among people who already are stressed out, depressed and worried about what might fall out of the air on them, that might come out of the ground on them. And now Senator Tyson and this preacher have a gospel that says fear your neighbor, not love your neighbor, Senator Mossey, fear your neighbor. Question the individual you see walking down the street. Any stranger you see may be planning to take your life, so you need to have a gun inside your coat and you keep your hand on it at all times. What frame of mind does that put a person in? We all know the kind of frame of mind it would put a person in. If you don't know, one thing those spaghetti westerns can teach is the attitude that a renowned and accomplished gunslinger carried all the time. Any sound, any move, anything out of the ordinary had this person who was on high alert, on the verge of killing anybody and shooting anything that...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...seemed to pose a threat. The famous gunslingers never sat with their back to a door, although one did and he got shot in the back of the head, and I'll tell you all his name maybe. He was from Texas. He didn't live very long and he killed almost 20 men in a very short period of time, and he made the mistake of turning his back and got shot in the back of the head, and this was a man who went around killing people. Maybe that confirms he who lives by the sword dies by the sword, and they'd have said pistol if they'd had pistols in those days. I just want to answer Senator Vrtiska's prayer before I sit down. He asked that you all be reminded to think good thoughts and do the right things. Well, I'm reminding them to do that, Senator Vrtiska. Yours is probably the only prayer prayed from up there that will ever be answered, and I answered it for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Tyson, would you yield for a question, please?