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pulled out his six-shooter, which he wore openly, laid it on the pulpit along side of the Bible and said, I am going to speak today and this is my authority for speaking. And he preached and those days...nowadays you could get shot after speaking for 20 minutes. I've had that happen (laugh) where they all leave. But he preached for a full hour and no one interrupted him. So I would agree that showing a weapon has some effect on an audience in that day, and I'm suspecting it would be in this day. I think of several times when I wish I'd a had that kind of authority. However, present day people don't respond in the same way. I find the bill to be frightening to many of my people, and I find, as I reflect upon it, it certainly raises risk on my life. I oppose it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kruse. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Combs, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I really...I don't want to really get to be a target in this fray as being an expert on firearms, so I do want to pose a question, though, to the body and that is I was just wondering if...have we considered any actual outcomes? We have over 40 states who have enacted concealed carry laws and rather than just prognosticating about potential perilous possibilities, otherwise known as chasing ghosts, I would be very interested to know are there statistics or situations of actual crimes that have been committed by registered gun carriers or as a result of the concealed carry permit, carrier's weapon being misused or abused? And I'm not sure, do I see any hands who may want to answer that question? Okay, Senator Thompson.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Thompson, would you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, Senator Combs, without belaboring it, I did read actual cases and give information on actual cases where people were issued permits. Some of them had mental illness, some had previous records that just didn't show up in the concealed permitting process where murders and other incidents happened in other states, and I'd be happy to provide you with that. And on my time, I'll review some of those.