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of accidents...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...and other problems. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Combs, you've brought about a lot of reaction here and I am also going to react to what you said. You know, this is not the first time this concept has ever been discussed in this Legislature, and it seems like every time we have the discussion all the statistics come rolling out, and you soon realize that the old saying is true that you can find statistics to prove any point of view that you would like to espouse. I actually have just quit looking at those statistics because, you know, I know what I believe, but I know also that there are people who believe on the other side who will also find a statistic. However, having said that, I do think that as a general rule all the states' crime rates went down in the nineties, and why did they go down in the nineties? Because economic times were better. Because people were employed. Because people weren't in desperate financial situations. And I predict that you will probably, in this first decade of the twenty-first century, you will probably see that crime rate, at least in part, starting to go up again, particularly in the areas of burglaries and robberies, and that has more to do with economic situation than perhaps anything else that you could identify. But I'm not going to tout a bunch of statistics because there are different studies out there that say different things. I would suggest to you that maybe one reason Texas' went down is because they've executed all those criminals and taken them off the streets. I don't know. But more importantly I think I would ask of the body and ask of the public, do we really want to be like every other state? I remember being in Arizona about four or five years ago and going to a local swimming pool and seeing a big sign on that swimming pool that you weren't able to carry a concealed weapon into the swimming pool, and it just shocked me. It really shocked me to think that, in that state, that people were going around with concealed carry. And I don't think it's