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laws. However, those laws are different in each state, and they are different from the law proposed here in Nebraska, or from the bill proposed by Senator Tyson. As an example, in Iowa, and I get this from the National Rifle Association's web site, this is the concealed carry provision in the state of Iowa. It says it is unlawful if a person goes armed with a firearm or any loaded...excuse me, a handgun or any loaded firearm of any kind within the limits of any city, whether concealed or not. It's also unlawful to go armed with a handgun, concealed or about one's person, or to knowingly carry or transport a handgun in a vehicle. That isn't exactly like the proposed legislation. In fact, it's completely the opposite of what's been proposed here. So I think the argument that 40 or 45 other states might have concealed carry legislation is maybe an accurate statement; it simply isn't identical to what's being proposed here. And I propose that we, as Senator Schimek said, can...let's get on with the way we feel about things. We all know where we're at. We can argue facts until noon or not and, again, I will support the recommit to committee offered by Senator Chambers and relinquish my time to the senator, if he'd like. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Mossey.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction)...me his time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Chambers, have a little less than three minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I have yet to see any of those states promoted on the basis of allowing people to carry concealed weapons. And I watch cable and sometimes late at night and early in the morning you see advertisements from Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, states all over the country, and not one has mentioned as a reason you should come to their state is the fact that you can carry a concealed weapon. In fact, they would not allow that to be used, I'm sure, as a promotional gimmick. I have yet to see any chamber of commerce in any of the brochures or publications they put out telling people why businesses ought to come to their area, that anybody in that area who is not a criminal can carry a concealed weapon; that if