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is found on page 1437, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are on LB 265. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when this atrocity, known as LB 265, came to us in the form of a green copy, Senator Tyson and others who supported it thought it was in fine shape and a lot signed on to it. Obviously, they had not read it. They did not understand it, but that made no difference because they were playing to the galleries and pandering to the people in this society who are not wrapped to tight and who are terribly fearful. It was playing on the fears of the public. Rather than the legislators serving as examples of how calm adults, who are mature, ought to deal with problems facing society, those legislators who signed on to this bill and who support it abdicated that responsibility and, instead, became fear mongers and advocates of an activity which can only undermine a society and tarnish the concept of civilization. To say that an armed society, meaning people carrying hidden guns on their person, is a more civilized society is a perversion of the concept of civilization. The bill was so horrid that the Judiciary Committee staff tried in yeoman and yeowoman fashion to bring a legislative silk purse out a sow's ear. There was so much wrong with the bill, in its original form, that it was impossible for the committee staff under the direction of the committee chairman to deal with all of the problems and infirmities of that atrocity and present to the Legislature a workable piece of proposed legislation. Senator Tyson and his minions were pleased with the committee amendment despite the flaws that I and others painstakingly revealed during debate. I offered numerous amendments. Senator Tyson saw the value of those amendments and incorporated them into what might be called an omnibus proposed amendment of his which we shall never get to. With all of this amending that has been done, all of the proposed amendments which even he sees as being necessary to rectify the deep and fatal flaws in LB 265 even as amended, even with that, there are some people who think this thing ought to be enacted into law. If Senator Tyson could somehow scrape up 33 votes for cloture, the bill has to be moved in its present unacceptable form. Various members have talked