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shouldn't have been issuing the permits to in the first place. And the result was violent crime, crime in families, and crimes against children. And I hope we won't join those states in creating those problems for ourselves and our citizens and putting an extra burden on law enforcement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers and Schimek, on the motion to recommit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you've almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Hartnett had handed out an editorial cartoon from the Omaha World-Herald, and he made a few comments about it. You could look at this cartoon and postulate another set of circumstances. Nobody, under the law, is allowed to bring a concealed handgun into a financial institution. That is a mandate from the law, under the law, by the law. There are other facilities and locations where the law prohibits these handguns from being brought. But let us say in the cartoon, the character in the bank with his hand under his coat was, in fact, reaching for a cell phone, but all these other people who were diving and running for cover had handguns. And instead of running for cover, they opened fire on this person. Then this man would be killed and some of the others may have shot each other. It is curious to me that Senator Tyson, in listing the places where these concealed weapons cannot be carried lawfully, left out day-care facilities. Many times when there is a dispute between the parents of children, one or the other will go to the day-care center to pick up the child or children who have been dropped off by the other parent. And that person can carry legally a concealed weapon into the day-care facility. Places where gambling takes place are not off limits for people carrying concealed weapons. There is a kind of catchall provision that says those who own or are in control of property can prohibit permit holders from carrying concealed handguns onto the place or premises. So let's say a sign is up. Who is going to enforce it? If it comes to the