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the principal, who ultimately died. Then he shot himself to death. These are things that our friends, who would trot Charleton Heston out and make a spectacle of his Alzheimer's racked body and brain for their political purposes, would dismiss what this child did by saying those guns didn't kill the principal, the child killed the principal. That gun did not kill the child, the child killed himself. That's their ridiculous, simple-minded, crackbrained assertion. I won't even call it an argument. In Washington State, there was a police chief who possessed guns legally. He had come to cross-purposes with his wife. He had determined to take his own life but he was going to kill her first. What he should have done was gone ahead and taken himself out of this world, but, no, being one of the gun nuts, he shot his wife. The last I read she is in critical condition in the hospital. I don't know if since that time she has died or her condition has improved. The chief was more successful in carrying out the second prong of his plan. He died. Here was a law-abiding police chief who legally possessed guns as the gun nuts want everybody to do, and they always harp on law-abiding citizens, and I have pointed out that the first act which causes many of these so-called law-abiding citizens to fall out of that category is an act of violence against the law committed with a weapon by one of these so-called law-abiding gun toters. So the first criminal act of the chief was with a gun. It was attempted murder. And Senator Schimek gave you some statistics about how many women are shot, injured and killed, and generally it's by somebody known to them. So what would our gun nuts say? That gun didn't kill...didn't shoot the wife. The chief shot the wife. That gun didn't kill the chief. The chief killed himself. Well, I'd venture to say that if the chief pointed his finger at the woman and said, bang, bang, she would not be in the hospital. If the chief placed his finger against his head and said, bang, bang, he'd still be here now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It was the gun that seriously, that critically injured the woman. It was the gun that killed the chief. It was the gun in Pennsylvania that killed the principal. It was the gun that killed the child who wielded the