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you're in a courtroom.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in that courtroom you need not say a word. The state has to prove every element of that offense beyond a reasonable doubt with no help from you. That's why you cannot be compelled to testify against yourself; the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says that. If the state is going to charge you with the possibility of punishing you, the state has to prove without any assistance from you that you committed conduct that would justify the state in punishing you. That's when the matter of guilt and innocence comes in. You always carry the presumption of innocence and the state must overcome it with evidence that proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. So the next time one of these people stands up and makes that ignorant statement about the present law making you guilty until you prove yourself innocent, consider what it is, ignorance, and disregard it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson, and this will be your third time also, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again I rise in support of Senator Chambers' motion to recommit to committee and opposed to the bill. And I think what we're...our decision here today is to decide what kind of state we want to be in terms of weapons, and particularly handguns. We're currently, as Senator Chambers said, a state that you can carry unconcealed or you can carry concealed with an affirmative defense. And we would be moving to a shall issue state. It would be a different situation. I can tell you that if you saw someone walking through a store in my district with a gun strapped on unconcealed, people would run in fear. However, if that...this bill passes, that same person will be walking around with the gun and we won't know. So it's whose rights we're protecting here. Are we going to protect the rights of the rest of us to know if there is a dangerous weapon in the area or the rights of a small group that feels the need to push this law in our state, when they can already carry unconcealed or concealed