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the feral pig has. Human beings could learn from that animal by acting in accord with the nature we are told human beings have, and that is being a rational animal, one who thinks, who has self-awareness, who is conscious of death, who can even fabricate notions about a world and a life after this one ends. The ability to rationalize or think carries with it certain moral responsibilities. Knowledge is power, but knowledge does not often bring a sense of moral responsibility, and by "moral" I just mean that which is suitable, appropriate, proper, to keep you doing what you ought to do, while not harming other people. There is no way that this Legislature will ever banish hunting, trapping, and fishing, but there are some people who hide in trees. And if you look at the glossy handout that Senator Schrock gave us, you'll see a person hiding in a tree with a bow and arrow. Now, I don't know who he's hiding from, I don't know what he's afraid of, but he is armed with a lethal weapon. When people are encouraged to be fearful, that fear can spread and infect public officials. We should not befoul the constitution of this state with frivolity, with triviality. I have something in my hand which contains an excerpt from a book, whose title is Original Meanings. The New York Times book review said of this book, quote, a deeply satisfying account of the political world from which the United States Constitution issued, unquote. I'm going to speak very seriously about what we're doing. Even though some of my amendments may see frivolous, they are showing that I'm in the spirit of what LR 8CA is doing. LR 8CA is one of the silliest, most asinine, simple-minded pieces of trash that has ever come before this Legislature, and I don't care who is offended by that. I think more of the constitution of this state than I do of the simple-mindedness behind this LR 8CA. When debate was going on, amongst those men known as the Founding Fathers as to what the Constitution of the United States should consist, one of the most hotly debated questions was whether the rights that the government is going to acknowledge in that written document should be enumerated, or should there just be general statements in the constitution that would give the idea of what kind of rights the government cannot infringe? The U.S. government is a government of granted powers. Only those powers granted in the Constitution of the United States are to be exercised by Congress. All other powers to legislate are retained by the states. Those powers the U.S.