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with hidden pistols. Something is not connecting there. Sometimes adults are only children of a little greater physical growth, and mentally they did not mature. This bill manifests paranoia and a dangerous state of mind on the part of those who want to run around here carrying pistols. Senator Combs wants to tell us what happened in other states. That doesn't indicate what is going to happen in this state. When we were talking about the motorcycle helmet bill, people gave various statistics of what happened in different states, and the statistics were different. But each side used the statistics to support his or her point of view. I don't care what happens in other states. I'm talking about what happens right here. And when I listen to the unbalanced comments made by people in this state, I don't think they ought to be carrying concealed pistols with the approval of the law. But as I was saying before I ran out, I want to elaborate on that. These people, and some of them were hulking people, hulking guys--make me look like Tom Thumb--coming in, I have to carry my concealed weapon, because I'm a law-abiding citizen and I have a right to protect myself. And I'm looking...now if he's got the heart to go along with the size of his body, he doesn't need a weapon against a grizzly bear, but he's scared. Maybe the one he's scared of is his wife. And I didn't think to ask him, is the one you're afraid of your wife? He'd say, well, now you got me, Senator Chambers; if you saw the little woman, you'd know why I carry a gun, and you might want to carry one, too. I'd say, then I'd just learn how to treat the little woman. Big guys! And they're the ones who act like, if we didn't pass that bill, they'd be killed by somebody in their community. And I'm wondering why those desperados are not placed under arrest by the sheriff. Why don't they have them held before the mental health board and provided with the help they need? So in order to make this bill truthful in its representations, I'm going to offer that statement of findings, that the Legislature finds it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would be better for these people who need to carry these guns to be referred for mental healthcare, complete with medication, to restore their mental balance and emotional stability. You know why I can talk like this?