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marbles. Well, maybe I have lost my marbles. Not one hand went up. I said, okay, this seems like kind of a safe place. Let's get out in the real world. Let's get out to a grocery store. How many of you would feel safer in a grocery store, if you knew that there were several persons in that grocery store carrying a gun? Not one hand went up. I could have gone on with, on the street, which is where we often talk about. I'm sure the response would have been the same. The thought of my neighbors carrying more guns than already have, even though these are law-abiding citizens, as has been said several times, is a fearful thought. I was in a group of six professionals active in the community, very professional people, very even-minded, and I said, help me on this. I do not understand the reason why we would even consider such a proposition. They talked about it very intently, very seriously, and out of the six of them, not one of them could think of one reason that this bill would be helpful to them, or to us. All expressed some fear, if some of their neighbors were to start carrying guns on the street. The third contact that I will report was in a social gathering. I was seated for a meal alongside of a man who brought the subject up. He's a military policeman for seven years. He's now moved on to another job, but he kept saying, it is an awesome responsibility to carry a gun; said, I did it for seven years. He's a very even-minded, even-tempered type of a person. He said, if this were to pass, I would never carry a gun. He said it three times. It is an awesome responsibility to carry a gun. I do not know what's in the mind of somebody who would want to take on such an awesome responsibility. I recognize that a few feel that concealed carry would make us safer. But I would hope you would help me understand, and to let it be known that in the district where I live, in north Omaha, most feel it would not make us safer. If I were carrying a gun and someone pulled one on me, the last thing I would do...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...would be to pull my gun. I would rather do the things that Senator Brown spoke and, Senator Brown, very well, you spoke right to the target. We have to deal in human factors with each other. That's what I want to see in my community. That's what the people in my community want to see.