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I live in a good area. We do not need to work out of paranoia. We don't have to give out concealed weapons so that people come out from behind their locked doors. We walk the streets right now. We're out there, and we do not need this kind of threat to our safety. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Johnson, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to this bill. I've seen too many people shot and killed and maimed, but I'm not going to talk about that from that standpoint here today. The first time I ever got up in this Chamber I said, why do we need this bill? Yes, we can ask that same question today. Why do we need this bill? The thing that I've heard, and I don't...can't quote you the source, but supposedly Nebraska is one of the safest places in the world that you can live. I think most of us would agree that that's the case. Now, of those of us that live in Nebraska, who are the safest of those of us that live here? White males. Who is pushing to have this bill passed? The safest people in the safest place in the world. Why do we need this bill? I might ask what felonies would have been prevented in this state that you can think of? I don't think that we can make any case at all that maybe the worst tragedy that this state has seen in years occurred with the Norfolk bank robberies. Would this have made any difference in that case? Pretty hard to argue that it would. One of the other things that we keep hearing in this Chamber this year is how wonderful education is. If we just have some education, we don't need motorcycle helmets because, you know, we just won't need them. If we have education in how to handle a gun, there won't be any accidental discharges of the gun. I presume that with that education, nobody with a concealed weapon will ever have anything to drink. I presume that everybody carrying that concealed weapon will never become angry, because education is going to make it so those two instances don't occur. What I'm really concerned about, though, is this. What tragedies are going to occur by this proliferation of these concealed weapons? When I was young I had a friend that shot and killed one of his friends. I don't think he's ever gotten over that. I've taken