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care of people who have shot others, just sighting their gun. I have two friends, one, his wife still...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...doesn't know about it, whose shotgun went off and blew a hole in the floor of their car. I have another had to admit to his wife that, yes, a gun did go off in the car, because it blew a hole in the roof. That was a little harder to conceal. Accidents are going to happen. I think it was in Duluth last week a gun fell out of the guy's bed that he had under the mattress, and shot him. The question is this: For all the prevention are we going to get, how many tragedies are we going to cause? Thank you.

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

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And I appreciate Senator Johnson's perspective. You know, he didn't talk about it very much, but he has seen the worst of the worst in an emergency medicine setting, or in a medicine setting, period. And he talked about these accidents that have been happening that he's familiar with, people that he knows, or guns going off in vehicles. I guess what I really like about LB 454, together with the committee amendments, is that it stresses education. You have to undergo some training. You have to become familiar with what you're going to be permitted to do. And as Senator Combs talked about, that includes training on separating the ammunition from the weapon, how important it is to restrict access to those weapons around children. What do we have today? Accidents happen, yes. I'm not going to stand before the Legislature and say that we will never have another gun accident in Nebraska if we have LB 454. No one can say that. You can have all the driver education you want in the world and you're still going to have car accidents. I guess what I look at, and I know that this is something Senator Chambers is frustrated by, 46 out of the 50 states in the Union have some form of concealed carry. Thirty-eight states are right-to-carry states. What we're talking about with LB 454 is, arguably, one of the more restrictive regulatory schemes on