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LB 454

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Engel, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill has been before us, I think, ever since I've been in the Legislature, and I've always supported it. It's basically when they come out with the...if you've been convicted under (inaudible) laws under the state for any crime of violence. That was always a problem I had, as far as some of these people convicted of domestic violence, and they could still carry a gun. I don't belong to the NRA. I don't have any desire to carry a gun. That is not one of my desires, but I do believe that the people that we are afraid of, they could care less what our law is, because they're carrying them anyhow. And I think this gives those law-abiding citizens who are willing to go through the training, go through the background checks, et cetera, that they should be able to carry a concealed weapon. I believe several years ago, reading in Florida where they had all those carjackings, and I understand that, once that they passed the concealed weapon bill, and of course, this is what I read, is that those carjackings subsided dramatically, because these vultures, these people with guns, they become powerful people all at once. I can whip you because I've got power. Man to man, they'd be afraid...they'd probably be afraid of any lady here on the floor. But when they got that gun, and that makes them mighty, and they take advantage of people. But if they don't know that the other person might have one of these, also, I think they back off, because most of them, as far as I'm concerned, are cowards. So with that, I certainly support the bill, I support the amendment, and return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Combs.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of LB 454, and I also rise against policies, be they current or future policies, that are based on guns pulling their own triggers. I know that Senator Chambers has suggested that