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SENATOR SCHIMEK: There have been studies done, and studies reported on the floor, and there have been lots of statistics quoted. But I think through the course of this morning, as we discuss this bill, I do want to share with you some studies that have been done more recently than perhaps some of the studies that we've heard regarding this bill before, and so that will be part of my aim this morning. I don't have time to start it now, so with that, I will conclude my remarks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I intend to speak on every proposal that is brought before us the full number of times that I have and do all I can to defeat this bill. I have been instrumental in preventing this atrocious travesty from being enacted into the law, under the aegis of the National Rifle Association. What Senator Combs and others who carry cards for that organization fail to ever mention or acknowledge is that there is a tremendous amount of money in guns and the proliferation of guns. The gun manufacturers support this kind of legislation, as does the NRA, because of the amount of money to be made from the sale of guns. The NRA has spent tremendous amounts of money lobbying Congress, and they've gotten that august body to enact laws to protect gun sellers, gun dealers, and others, to the detriment of the public at large. How does a bill like this help generate more money? If "Baron" Tyson were here, he would acknowledge that guns fashioned in the 1800s--and he might say even earlier than that--and certainly in the 1900s, can kill as effectively today as they did the day of their origin or birth. Guns are not like automobiles, where improvements are made giving you more mileage, greater efficiency all around, safety devices such as air bags, and these directional devices that will tell you where you're going in a city; in other words, changes that alter what it is that a motor vehicle will and can do. All that a gun can do is discharge a projectile. So why do the gun manufacturers continue to produce new models? To sell. The new models are not more efficient. If they kill you, you are dead. And I want Senator Combs to know that once you're dead, you're dead for a