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that. But in the mid-1990s, the National Rifle Association made a big effort across the country to pass concealed carry laws. And just like any other association of people who have an and Senator Chambers alluded to some of their interest. interests, and they aren't particularly veiled, they will increase the number of guns that people have. It's a way to sell guns. You can have one in your purse, and one in your car, and one in your home, and you know, it's a...when gun sales were flat in the nineties, it was a good way to boost sales. don't compare that any differently to any other economic development group that comes to us and wants to sell more of their product, for whatever reason. But I do draw the line at what is safe in our communities, and what is good for our communities, and what's good for our state. We don't have to follow this national trend. We don't have to...and those of you who've run for the Legislature, those of you on TV running for the Legislature, know that the very first packet you get when you run, or one of the first two that I got every single time I filed, was from the National Rifle Association, a packet wanting to know my position on this issue. This is a very well-funded, generous-to-candidates group, and they put a lot of pressure on all of us, to be quite honest with you. They have a great database, an e-mail database. But we also have to be here for the rest of the people and for our law enforcement folks who are going to have to deal with this on a daily basis. There are things in this amendment that I'm really concerned about, and I'm going to talk about that. Senator Beutler, I think, is on the...going in the right direction on putting a ten-year time limit, instead of a five-year time limit. But we've spent a lot of time in this Legislature dealing with mental illness issues and treatment, and being able to...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...provide for a better system in our state for people with mental illness, but providing ways that the local people are going to be able to deal with those kinds of complicated issues of definition, and I'll be asking Senator Combs about these things. In her amendment, I think there are some problems with the section that Senator Beutler is amending, dealing with how you determine whether a person has a commitment