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sure that the bill adequately addresses the intent of the Legislature with regard to what the powers of a city of the metropolitan class may be. So for that purpose, I think that is deserving of continued discussion, maybe more appropriate on Select File, if we see it move that far. But I do rise in support of this, and I would be interested in having a dialogue about some of those issues. But if you look at our current law, 28-1202, you can carry a concealed weapon. We make criminals out of law-abiding citizens upon arrest, and then make them prove it to the judge that they have a reason that meets the standard found in subsection (2) of that section. So I think it's appropriate, I think it's reasonable, and I would urge everybody to vote in favor of, not only LB 454, but the amendments that...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...were currently pending. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I look back, and at time...the period of time that I've been in the Legislature, and I remember three times that this proposal has been brought before us. The first time I heard it was...it was brought by an old friend of time, Senator Schellpeper. I don't remember exactly the course of action that was taken at that time. I do know that there weren't a sufficient number of votes to pass that at that time. As far as I'm concerned, you know, I've been a gun owner for years and years, like my father and my grandfather before me. I have some shotguns that are...date back to in the 1800s that my grandfather had passed down to us. You know, and I have those in a locked gun case in my basement. I used to hunt a lot. I don't do that anymore. But that doesn't mean that the desire to do hunting and trapping and so on, so forth...it's still near and dear to me, and my sons didn't really care for that activity. My grandchildren don't. I think we're getting further and further away from that type of recreation in this state. Like I say, I have a gun case full of guns, which is locked. I keep them locked all the time. You know, and will I