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Mr. President, members of the body, I, like SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Kruse, I do not intend to or have any desire to carry a However, I do support the amendment and I do support the bill. I always have supported this...the concealed carry legislation over the past several years. And it's been brought up many, many times, and it's always kind of fallen short, by a vote or two, as far as being passed. I believe if there's 47 other...46 other states that have some type of concealed carry, 38 states that have right-to-carry states, and Nebraska is...of course, does not. And it's supposed to be...like Senator Johnson said, this is one of the safest states in the country, and I believe that. It's a great place to live. he talks about the accidents happen with guns. Well, the reason accidents happen with guns, I think, primarily, is because lack of training. A lot of people have guns in their homes now, they carry them, perhaps, on their seats of their cars and so forth, which is legal, but they don't have the training behind And I do believe that with all the hoops you have to go through to carry a concealed weapon, you have to have the training, you have the background checks, et cetera, et cetera, and I do believe that these people will be trained in the handling of a gun. I was in the service. I... of course, I was in the Air Force. We had to shoot a gun once a year, and I never could hit anything with it. So all I would do if I had a gun was I'd scare people, and probably scare myself more than anybody else. But the thing is, I see nothing wrong with this, because the people that we're afraid of, they could care less what the laws are. They're the ones that are out killing each other and killing innocent people. And I believe most of those people that are carrying guns, that are killing people, most of them are cowards. What makes them brave is because they have this weapon in their hands, and I believe they'd be a little more apprehensive about approaching someone if they didn't know whether this person perhaps could defend themselves with a gun also. So I do believe it will...it is a deterrent. it's definitely a deterrent to crime. And I don't think it would be used that much, because, again, all these people would be...are responsible citizens. There's always somebody going to slip through the cracks, perhaps go berserk. But they go berserk with a regular gun. So as far as if they had a