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license. So this isn't something that just everybody is going to run out and get a handgun permit right away, that I can see. This is for those that are certainly dedicated for it. Now, as far as protection or accidents with guns or anything, why, we have accidents with guns, we have accidents with lawn mowers, and we certainly have accidents with automobiles that probably kill more people than any handguns in the United States at the present time. So I don't have a problem with this bill and this legislation. I think it's probably something that can be done, and I think it's something that the people out there would be able to use. One thing you want to remember, if Nebraska does a handgun law, there's always...if even 1 percent of the people, or even .5 percent of the people had permits to carry guns, a lot of these burglaries that go on, those people don't know which one...house always that has a handgun in it and which one don't. There may be some benefit to that just by the fact that the people on that side of the law will be a little bit more reluctant to barge in on houses or even barge in on people, such as the other day down here on 14th Street, where a lady and her daughter got mugged for their purse there in the middle of the day. So there's things that...things like that may not happen if we have a permit to carry handguns. Texas brought that forward several years ago, and there was a lot of instances then where some of these types of robberies, seemed to have an effect that they weren't going on as much as they were before, because although a person looks like they're vulnerable, they may be carrying something that equalizes them completely. So I don't see where this is any problem, whether it's a case of accidents, or whatever goes on. No matter what you talk about, you can have accidents with. I think this is something that you would have to be a dedicated enthusiast in order to go ahead and get your permit to carry a handgun, or that it's someplace where you could see a need that you really would need to carry a handgun. I might point out there that I think that street where those ladies got mugged on, I think that's a street that Senator Stuthman walks down to go home. So if he goes home during the middle of the day (laugh), he may be our first applicant for a gun permit. Who knows. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Combs, Pedersen, and Flood...Dwite Pedersen.