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situation that he's protected by law. Well, he's not. He's not. He's in risk of going to the State Penitentiary. I think we are misleading the public when we act like this is a way to protect yourself, to reduce crime, to do these other things. People in my district, and my friend, do not believe it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just to address, there is a section of the bill, Section 19 does say that...so your neighbor is currently...he will still be able to. He will not have to register under this act if he wants to carry under the current law. It says, "Nothing in the Concealed Handgun Permit Act prevents a person from carrying a concealed weapon as permitted under section 28-1202," which is the current statute. So his agreement with his local law enforcement will stand good. There is no fear that he will have to change anything that he's doing if he does not wish to get a permit. He's still allowed to use the current law. And since he has an understanding with the local law enforcement, that will probably be fine for him. I did want to just respond to a couple other things that were brought up, some information that I've been getting. The questions come up, and then I try to get some information. Wisconsin law enforcement people that do support this are the state trooper association; the Milwaukee Police Association, and that is the largest in the state; the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police support it; and as well as the Law Enforcement Alliance of America. I did have someone check with the NRA lobbyist, and they are only supported by membership dues. They do not get money from gun manufacturers, and they don't represent the gun manufacturers. So, that was an answer to a question, and don't shoot the messenger. I'm just getting answers to questions posed on the floor. And then information on Florida permits and the number taken away and the reasons for doing so, the...Florida's experience with it, it was a state that began the trend toward shall issue laws in 1987. According to the Florida Secretary of State's web site, the state has issued 1,078,647 permits since 1987, and only 155 of those