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limb, when the fight is brought to them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senator Flood and five others. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I was wondering if I should say anything at all, because the votes are pretty well counted, as I see it. But I, too, wanted to make a couple observations, especially after Senator Flood spoke. I was born and raised in South Dakota, farm country, hunting country. My home town is Winner, South Dakota, pheasant capital of the world. I was born and raised with guns. To this day, the only sport I participate in is guns. I love hunting, and I love shooting handguns. That might surprise some of you, because I don't probably give that kind of an image. I shoot at least once a month at one of the two gun clubs that I'm a member of; most of the time, twice a month. And when I go to the gun clubs, I shoot handguns. I'm best shot with a 9 millimeter. I have several other guns, and when my guns are not in use, they are locked in a gun safe. If I'm on my way to and from the range, the guns are laid in the seat, open. If I would stop to get a cup of coffee, this gun is left there, and the car is parked and locked where I'm not more than 20 steps away from it. I do not carry a gun in my vehicle whenever I'm in the city of Omaha, except for going to and from the range, because I don't want it stolen and used by somebody in a wrong way. I also don't want to lose the value of that gun. Three years ago, when I was on my way to Lincoln from my job in Columbus in the summertime, I was picked up for speeding, stopped. Yes, me, breaking the law, speeding. I was seven miles over the speed limit. I had a gun with me. The gun was laying in the seat, the passenger seat. When the Highway Patrolman saw the gun, he asked me to step out of the car, and unbuckled his own gun. I got a warning ticket. But we talked about that incident of me having the gun. If I'd have had it concealed, being a law-abiding citizen, neither one of us would have had anything to be paranoid about. If I were going to use it on him, he'd have been dead before he got that window open. That's what happens, people. The people who are not supposed to carry guns are carrying them. I think, with Senator Flood, it