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devour, harass, and harm. But at least he hasn't said much on the floor, so I commend him to continue doing what he's doing. Why, if this is so carefully drafted as Senator Combs has been tricked into believing by the NRA minions, why don't they even get something correct when it's an important principle? I don't need Senator Flood now. Somebody may have told you that I was calling on you. But on page 8 in line 1, they say, "Any peace officer having probable cause that a permitholder." It's "probable cause to believe." You're talking about this from the standpoint of the officer, and the officer has probable cause to believe. The officer does not have probable cause. There are factors that create probable cause, and the officer must then have probable cause to believe, and that probable cause to believe must include the ability to articulate facts which establish that probable cause to believe. But in any case, the words "to believe" ought to follow the word "cause." Senator Flood has already given his approval of this so that means he's read it all, he's satisfied with this kind of incompetent, slapdash, sloppy drafting. But I happen not to be. I care about what goes into the statute books. And first of all, I'd like this thing not to become law. But if it does, why cannot we even get the language correct? It's one thing, Senator Flood, for a person to transpose letters or syllables when talking, and call an elephant an "ephelant," as long as the person, in writing it, spells it correctly. Even if we have these illiterates saying "nucular" instead of nuclear, if they spell it correctly, if they know how, when they write it, then forget how they mispronounce it. Americans are notorious for that, Americans who want to condemn people from other countries for not speaking English, and those who were born and bred here don't speak English. What they speak is a travesty. I don't care how many pages a guy shuffles through (laugh); it's not going to change the reality. Senator Flood knows that what I'm talking about is true. That's just one of the small things. I have here a sheaf, s-h-e-a-f, in case my pronunciation doesn't go through clearly for the transcribers, of amendments that ought to be made to this piece of trash legislation. They don't even go to changing what it is attempting to do, but to do a better job of expressing what their experts put down and what members of the Judiciary Committee supported as being sufficiently workmanlike activity to submit to our colleagues,