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we essentially among ourselves dropped that because, in fact, it just really isn't so. The most clear reason that that is so is because young men were sentenced to longer prison records...longer prison sentences, and that reduced the crime rate around the country, no matter what kind of a state you were in. The longer sentences produced that fact. Those are two ways in which we used to say things and, you know, try to box each other in that we dropped, and I think the rhetoric has improved by that measure. Let me give you two reasons why, as a person of conscience, I'm reluctant to vote for this bill and don't think I will. One of them comes from my district and only a limited few. My guess is that many of them would vote for concealed carry, but I have some cops who live in my district and they've said to me, not in the form of their associations or lobbying groups, Dave, when I see a gun now I draw. If I...any gun that I see, I protect myself--first order of business--because I know now that that gun is inappropriate, or the chance that it is inappropriate is very high. The day on which that gun might be legal and it might be illegal is the day I have to ask myself, do I draw my gun or not? And when I inject the decision, do I draw my gun or not, I slow my reflexes. I have injected in my thinking a delay that places me at risk. I don't know what that means other than, Dave, I think it makes my job more unsafe, and I'm reluctant to do that. I also don't want to pull out my gun and drawdown on a citizen who is, in fact, entitled to have a gun. I know I'm going to get complaints about it; I'm going to hear about it. I'm going to be treating them like a criminal when they're not, and I don't want to do that, either. But it's going to produce in me a moment of reluctance in which my well-being will be at risk. You can dismiss that if you want. On the other hand, we're looking at a guy who makes his living with this, and he puts himself in danger, and he's basically saying to me, Dave, don't make my job more unsafe than what it is, and that's persuasive. Let me give you the second reason that I am uncomfortable with the bill. I'm not uncomfortable with the idea of people owning and carrying guns.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: What...those are not the victims of the virtues