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makes some of those who were cowards and picked on when they were little feel strong and safe because they feel...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the weight of that heat that they're packing, and maybe they're just looking for somebody to say something, make a move, or anything else that will justify them in at least flashing that firearm. Senator Erdman is right when he indicated that I'm against this. I am. And we still haven't reached the point in our discussion yet where I'm going to talk about the condition. It's in my district, but it's in areas outside of my district, too, but people are more receptive of what you say if you say it's in my district. It definitely is there. Mr. President, is this the last time I can speak on this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is, Senator, outside of closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Outside of closing, okay. I guess what I'm going to have to do then is move to reconsider, so that I will have the opportunity, unless this motion is adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Flood. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I am aware of that. I wanted to follow up with a couple more studies, major studies: one involving homicides in the United States, one involving unintentional deaths, and one area including findings on gun carrying in general. The first one is another one by Hemenway, and somebody named Hepburn, and it was...it was actually printed in a review journal in 2004, and the major finding of that particular study was that a broad array of evidence from the academic literature indicates that gun availability is a risk factor for homicide, both in the United States and across high-income countries. Case-control studies, ecological time-series and cross-sectional studies indicate that, controlling for "urbanity," or urbanicity, I guess, in