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have been so many different discussions and so many issues that I am a little bit... I don't know where to start. But I guess I would like to start with a remark that Senator Smith made about how few unintended deaths there are. And you know, I don't mean this in a mean way at all, Senator Smith, but this isn't a numbers game. I mean, if it is a numbers game, how many unintended deaths do there have to be for policymakers to pay attention? I think even one should get our attention, and so in comparing it to automobile deaths, I don't think that's a fair comparison or a justification to us to not pay any attention to unintended consequences of legislation that we pass on the floor of this Legislature. I appreciate very much what Senator Kruse I'm feeling very powerfully and emotionally moved by the thinking of both Senator Kruse and Senator Chambers, and I guess I'm wondering what we really gain by passing this bill. really gain that much by passing this bill, and are there losses that we have to counterbalance it with? And I'd ask each of you to think about that, in terms of not only Senator Chambers' district, but families also in our own districts. As I told you, I know two families where children have died from picking up handguns that they shouldn't have been playing with. granted, we didn't have concealed carry when that happened, but that's going to happen more often when we do have it, if we do And I hope and I pray that we don't have it. I just have it. don't understand the need for this bill, particularly in light of the fact that our crime rate is really quite low. And in fact, in some of the letters and e-mails that I've gotten and in some of the literature that I've seen, it says that we're going to have an increase, not in some of the violent crimes, as has been reported if we don't have this bill, but what we will have if we have this bill is an increase in property crimes, just as the police officer was talking about in that e-mail that I just read to you. I know that votes are counted, and whether those vote counts are accurate or not, I don't know, and frankly, at this point, I don't care. All I would like to say to you is, think about it long and hard before you vote either way on this bill. It's really an important issue. There are things in this bill that have already been pointed out that are of deep There is certainly a question about whether this could be enforced in any city or village or metropolitan area in this state.