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by the Governor's Mansion. And I'm wondering if some of this consideration that we've been talking about, how this would have impacted that lady that was there, walking along, noon, during the middle of the day on a Saturday. If Nebraska would have had a concealed carry law, first of all, whoever decided to accost this lady and her daughter would have to decide whether or not they were carrying a gun. That is one deterrent, just by having the law in place, they have to decide whether those people are actually that vulnerable to be attacked or not. So this is another consideration, by just having the law in place. If you'll notice the law, it isn't necessarily making it mandatory that anybody carries a gun. What it does make mandatory is the education to be able to carry a gun. So in a way, it probably should be considered some type of an education law. I think in days gone by it probably could have been done by the Extension Service of the University of Nebraska, because mostly you have to show proficiency in your firearms, how it's to be used, and have some idea of the laws that are involved. Also, if there is discharge of weapons, why, it has to be reported, and so there's several different areas. It isn't a case where just everybody picks up a shooting iron and starts packing it around. There are laws to follow. Now as I say, it isn't mandatory. If you choose not to follow those laws, you don't have to carry a gun. Just because the law is in place doesn't mean that someone has to go out and purchase one and get your permit and carry it. Just because the law is there doesn't mean you have to do it, no different than just because drivers' licenses are available, that you've got to have a car to drive. There's many people that don't have driver's license. Many people have driver's license and don't drive. So I think that works all the same way. Sometime during the discussion yesterday on it, it was talked about the chance for children to be injured and shooting themselves, and I don't think that is really a valid argument for it. No matter what we have in the household, children are going to...there's going to be instances where children will be injured by whatever it is, whether it's Drano or Sani-Flush or grandpa's heavy-duty pills or your nitroglycerin pills that's sitting in somebody's desk that the kids find out that they can explode them when they hit them with a hammer. There's all kinds of things a kid can...be...get in trouble with. The idea is that this is set up so that you do have to have some