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attempted murder, including attempted murder of a police officer, kidnapping, rape, sexual assault, assault, weapon-related offenses, drug-related offenses, burglary, and theft. Now they weren't...I mean, those all weren't part of that 5,314, but...oh yes, they were. There's a smaller number that includes the murder figures. I hope to share more information with you about that Texas study because, in essence, it is the only state in the whole United States that has collected any information on crimes committed after concealed carry laws were passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We have Senator Smith, followed by Senator Chambers, Erdman, and Howard. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, have heard from constituents on this issue, last night and nights prior, and the overwhelming result is that they are in favor of LB 454. They look at it through glasses of common sense, I believe, without a bias perhaps. But I do have a question for Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, and I can appreciate your opinion on this issue. I struggle with how we should address, I think, some realities that do exist. Now in reading the law and trying to study it, it has become apparent that if someone would place a firearm beneath the seat of their car, so as to keep it out of the hands of a thief, they are...they could be held criminally responsible.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I believe...

SENATOR SMITH: Am I...do I understand that correctly?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I believe that's true.

SENATOR SMITH: That is true.