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government with force or violence. In Bellevue, as I mentioned yesterday, they conducted a sting at a hardware store, and the operator also had the license to sell guns. And he made a sale to a man he knew, based on the man's representation of his circumstances, could not under the law be sold a weapon. When he did this, and the man who made the purchase was an undercover operative for the federal authorities, they busted him. They know how to conduct stings. There's an article that appeared in the paper about an operation conducted to catch various foreign-born members of gangs, and in the November 29 Omaha World-Herald, page 3B, the headline says: Sweep Nets 47 Gang Suspects. And as they would round these guys up, they would deport them. But here is the significant language in the article, and if anybody wants a copy, I'll give it, but these kind of things I'm not going to just copy and hand out to everybody, in deference to the trees: Officers in the Omaha Police Department gang unit teamed up with the federal agents on most local cases. They offered intelligence and other assistance, while federal authorities were able to use their administrative and criminal powers to deport foreign-born gang members. How is it that they can catch, through a sting, a white guy selling guns that might hurt white people, they can set up a sting and arrest, in Lincoln, a white guy selling machine guns that might be used against white people, conduct a sting to catch foreign-born gang members with the help of the Omaha police gang unit and federal authorities in Omaha, but they cannot put together a program or an approach that will determine the source of the influx of guns into the black community and bring it to a halt? The only reason they won't do it is either they've been bought off, or they want the gang violence, the gun violence to continue. There are people on this floor, at least one, who knows that youngsters of the age, or at least one, seven years had a gun, a real gun, and she had made an arrest. So I'm not making this up. It is impossible for anybody to persuade me that when there is an epidemic of gun violence, that putting more guns in that community will in any way alleviate the problem. What it does...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is produce an aura of legitimacy to