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ordinary people legally having guns. But all the kids will see is that, hey, these guys got guns and nobody bothers them, so it's all right. They imitate what they can imitate that goes along with what they choose to do. And that's why the bad things that adults will do, more often than not, will be imitated by young people than the few good things they will observe in an adult. So I'm going to do all I can to derail this bill and prevent its movement, but if it happens to move, because people are giving a courtesy vote for cloture today, whenever that happens, I'm going to make sure, to the extent that I can, it doesn't appear again for debate on Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Howard, Senator Schimek, Senator Janssen. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, I've sat here for the last day and a half and have listened to Senator Schimek and her research that she's done, and I applaud her for the effort that she has undertaken. I guess my comment would be to check the source. The claim that comes from the Violence Policy Center that Senator Schimek is quoting, that Texas concealed and carry weapon holders are more likely to be arrested--and remember that the Violence Policy Center is actually a gun control policy group that would rather see us not have any guns than actually the issue before us--most of the rest in that study were cited...the individuals were cited for bounced checks or tax delinquency, but they were probably cited for the issues that Senator Schimek did bring up. So the idea that all the people in Texas that have these permits are going to commit the most violent of crimes is simply not true. And the information comes directly from the Texas Department of Public Safety, December 1, 1998. The data also lists arrests. It does not list convictions. And as a member of this Legislature, I've heard many times when some of my colleagues have stood on the floor and said that you are not guilty until you are proven that by the court of law. You are innocent. And so I would caution some of the information that is being presented. When you also compare the entire population of Texas--again, this is the study that Senator Schimek pointed