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you're going to see a rush of our constituents going to the authorities or whoever...wherever you would get one of these permits. I don't think that's going to happen. But in my opinion, as humble as it is, I think people should have the right to decide for themselves whether they need to carry a concealed weapon. And those people that shouldn't have one are probably going to be carrying one anyway, and probably do now. This is what we're looking at. I think it's a choice of the people of this state,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...whatever their situation is, to have the right, a legal right, to carry a concealed weapon. With that, that's probably all I'm going to say on this bill this year. I've spoken once before. And I think no matter how much discussion we have on this bill, minds are made up. I don't think we're going to sway any of our colleagues one way or the other. If a vote was taken within the next two minutes, it would probably be the same as it's going to be until we go to closure. So actually, I think what we're doing is spinning our wheels. With that, thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

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

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just...I had some other info here that I just wanted to be sure I read into the record. I didn't get it finished the first time I was reading, the actual revocation rate of permits in Texas. Consistent with other shall issue permit states, the Texas permit revocation rate is a fraction of 1 percent. Specifically, according to the Texas Department of Safety, from 1-1-96 to 5-1-02, only 0.7 percent--that's 1,724 of the 240,506 valid permits--were revoked for any reason. Many of these were revoked for technical location violations, offenses unrelated to firearms, like DUI. And it's...this extremely low permit revocation rate and total number of revocations is more evidence that the 3,370 arrests celebrated by the VPC can be misleading. How can all this information associated with the arrest of Texas permitholders be put into proper perspective? Imagine Texas