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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about 2, 25.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, and thank you, Senator Howard. Members of the Legislature, I do take this bill very seriously, but I take seriously the reality that my community confronts, and it is sheer stupidity for anybody to say where there are problems with guns, you'd solve it by putting more guns in that situation. Let's say that there's a woman who had her purse snatched, so now she's got a gun in her purse. Well, now when her purse gets snatched, the assailant has got the gun, too. Some of these people should be in the military and see what is entailed in handling a gun. Where are they going to carry it? They should have it where everybody can see it so they can at least get at it. They're going to be fumbling around, trying to unbutton their coat and be reaching in here, and if I'm the assailant, what am I going to be doing? Then he tries to jerk it out of the holster and shoots himself through the side and down through his left hip. And these people who talk to Senator Combs never talk about the number of gun accidents that these people who carry them legally will have. Senator Schimek, I'm glad, took Senator Smith to task, but his attack against Mayor Seng demonstrates what...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I've been always talking about, how women get put down. There's a male mayor in Omaha, and he submitted a letter, and it's on your desk and I had read it and pointed out and emphasized, this is from Mayor Fahey of Omaha. He sent a letter. Senator Smith didn't attack him. Men don't get attacked. What have I been telling you young women and young men--they go after the women. Women are the ones who are the easy targets. Mayor Mike Fahey is a man. He is the mayor of the city of Omaha, and Omaha is the largest city, population wise, in Lincoln (sic). And I read his letter and Senator Smith can probably find it on his desk. So why jump the woman? That's the way things are done in this society, especially by men who are misogynists. But Senator Smith is really campaigning. He wants to get some campaign bites. You notice how quiet he's been all session. But when something comes up