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don't think that they particularly would need little teeny guns that they would hide some place. They would want everybody to know how big their guns are, and they could pull them out and use them whenever they saw a bird or possibly a Texas lawyer. Anyway, I really just wanted to say that I admire the family and I feel great sorrow for their loss. And I have not...I understand that this is an individual rights issue, but I certainly... I don't think that it solves a lot of problems. have not been compelled by some of the arguments that there are out there for how we're going to solve these problems. also wonder, so often when you're talking about concealed weapons, how the person is going to use it in a way that's going to protect anybody. Is there some sort of like, I-call-King-Zax thing that goes on, that you can let me pull my gun out from wherever my holder for the gun happens to be before you shoot me? So I guess that I have just never been compelled by any of the arguments on this, and I just think that there are too many potential tragedies that I don't see are offset by...either by individual...the individual rights piece of it, or by the potential aspect of self-defense, because I don't see how you get to that particular thing, the self-defense. I think you would have to be very much more dexterous and quick than I would think that I would be, under the circumstances of being threatened, to have it have an impact in terms of being able to Now I guess that the argument is that if protect yourself. everybody thinks that everybody else is packing, they are less likely to approach you and do something awful to you. I guess that if this young man in Arnold thought that somebody else was going to have a gun and pull it...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...on him, in the heat of the moment he would have considered all those things and chosen a different course of action. But I don't believe that to be the case. So thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members. I