

are safe for our kids. Now nobody expects us to go the way of Japan, we're too far along, too many guns. But clearly the fact that we've gone so far should be of great concern to us. And the fact that we're talking about the zones, we'll be talking about it some time again, we should be talking about our whole country becoming a safety zone where guns are not so prevalent and crime is not so prevalent, where we're able to deal with the violence in our society today. The crime bill that we had, it's demise was mourned by many, really didn't address this. We did not do what we needed to do with that bill had it passed. We need a much more careful, much deeper, much broader look at the whole issue of guns and violence, and I hope we can do that some day. And I hope we can readdress that crime issue in this fashion next session. But again my point is that as we talk about these types of shooting areas, in other countries this would be the only place they can go out and use a gun. Well, here we're talking about carving out this particular area for sport and activity, and it shows us how far we've come in the acceptance of handguns and, in my view, violence that result from them, that we see things this way when in other areas of the world we'd see this with horror and wonder why our country allows it to happen. With that, I'd ask that the amendment be withdrawn. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend the bill. Senator Dierks amendment on page 2352 of the Journal. (AM2336.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. This is a harmonizing amendment to coincide with LB 718 which has already been passed and signed. In LB 209 permits for these game farms are split into two separate permits, one is for auctions and one is for the game farm. And we need to...when the bill was drafted they didn't include the exemption for game auctions, so we need to do that with this amendment and make the thing harmonize with LB 718. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there any members wishing to discuss the Dierks amendment? Seeing none, Senator Dierks, would you like to close? Closing has been waived. The question is the