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works both ways, but nevertheless, I know one thing that if the state doesn't have the integrity and the will and the mechanics to protect it's citizens, it serves no useful purpose. And one of the first purposes of our state should serve is the protection of it's citizens that should be paramount above everything else. Now that extends not only in cases where somebody is treated in the sale of good by misrepresentation or sharp practices or outright fraud, but it should also extend to the individual's safety. And I am always concerned about there is a certain amount of hypocrisy and I detest hypocrisy in anything. In any level of social life or public life. But there is an element of high hypocrisy involved when we are concerned about a person if he is cheated somebody sells him a gallon of paint by high pressure methods. And I've seen this also happen. Or citing and I've seen this happen. But if that same person goes to the bus station, walks to the bus station or walks to the bus stop, or wakes up some night and gets his throat cut, we don't pay much attention to it. What I'm getting at, until we have the integrity and the will to protect people in the public safety from being beaten to death or cut to death or robbed or in fashion with high frequency, with high rates of frequency, I don't know what we are going to do about consumer protection laws. If we are going to strengthen the Attorney General's office, I think we ought to strengthen it there too. Now, in one instance in one of an unbelievable instance, that we had in this state last summer. We had the state participate by furnishing an automobile, and furnishing a driver, a chauffeur in other words, to take a man out of the penitentiary and haul him to Fremont for the purpose of shooting his ex-wife. Now it left her totally paralyzed. Yet we do not bleed over that, not worry over that. This is hypocrisy. And I think that we ought to get at both ends of this thing, and if we are serious about consumer protection, we ought to protect people in the safety, in their person and in their homes and on the street, in the same manner we're thinking of doing in the sale of goods. The guy that gets knocked over the head, he can't come back three days later and say to the guy that hit him, don't do it. It's the fact that's accomplished. Now we also should do the same thing in the personal safety. Now I know here we had a .. some time ago we had a .. talking about giving free rides or 10¢ rides to elderly persons on busses. How are they going to get there. How are they going to get back. I happen to know something about that, because I have a member of my own family who was ininvolved in the transportation of elderly. And one of the big fears that people have, the elderly have in going to public transportation is not lack of money, it's the total fear of being sabotaged, way-laid, mugged, slaughtered, cut, beat, on the way to and from the bus station. Or the bus stop, where ever it is. They can't proceed in safety. And unless you can pick them up at their doorstep they're petrified, they are cowering behind their doors, they are afraid to go out, and rightly so. Now this is an area of consumer protection that probably needs much more looking into, no I don't think much more, at least equally. Because the first duty of the state is to protect it's citizens, not only in his property, but in his person.

PRESIDENT: In Senator Duis's district in the north balcony we have some distinguished guests. They are the A. Wayne Howard family, (Wayne, Judy, Craig and Christie) and they are the Farmers Home Administration Family of the year. Will you please rise and be recognized? Senator DeCamp.