

all have the capability of killing a deer. There's no way a conservation officer can enforce that law, and this is going to give him the tool to enforce that law. I think it's a well thought out and a good bill, and a needed bill, and I would be very...I'd be the first one to be very nervous about any kind of gun control legislation, but when I received the letter from the National Rifle Association, that sort of put that argument to bed as far as I was concerned. I think we ought to support this bill. I think we need to give those conservation officers the tools they need to enforce the laws that we pass. These are the laws that we pass, and we're always talking about enforcement of laws. Well, now here's an opportunity to given them the tools to enforce the laws we pass, and I think we should take that opportunity.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, Mr. President and members, there's no way in the world I can support this bill. I've talked to I don't know how many people in my district, and of course I come from a different district than Senator Reutzel does. People do look at this as a gun control law because you cannot a rifle during deer season. Ever since we have had a deer season in this state, there has been no trouble that I know of enforcing the law. I don't know of any Game Commissioners or conservation officers that are dying off because of overwork, I'll tell you that in the first place. People do not go out and hunt deer. I don't hunt deer and people that I'm talking to out there are not hunting deer. They don't even get a license in this state to hunt deer. There's not that many deer to hunt in the first place. But they do not want to be controlled by saying they can only carry a shotgun, and most people out in my district carry a rifle in the back of their pickup, and they go in to other areas besides their own area, and they could be construed as hunting coyotes at that time or deer. Now if you're just talking about a hunter going out in the field and not carrying a rifle at that time, that's different. But you don't go out in fifteen sections and carry just a shotgun or a rifle and hunt coyotes out there, I'll tell you that. They're hunted from a pickup, because there's no way in the world you could go out and hunt a coyote in the area that I live in by carrying a rifle out in the middle of fifteen acres, or fifteen sections. It's impossible. And I would certainly vote for the kill motion on this bill, because it is, I think, one of the times that you're going to find gun control one way or another, and that's what this does