

because we are going to need them here anyway.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. A call of the house has been requested. Aye or nay on the call of the house. Please record the vote.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT: A call of the house. We are under call. Members of the Legislature within hearing of my voice, and offices of members, please notify everyone that a call of the house is in order and you should come into the Chamber and record your presence. Members sitting at your seats, please record your presence. There is about nine minutes left for discussion. Members, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am going to begin my close.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have said on a different occasion that I dress for the occasion sometimes. This cap that I am wearing is an NRA cap. I am a card carrying member of the National Rifle Association, paid up, and I am opposed to what they are trying to do. If you look at their commercials, you will see different people from different walks of life and they will ask you, what do all these people have in common? They are all members of the National Rifle Association, and they are different. They are not monolithic, and my being a member of that association and taking a position in opposition to what they are doing shows that we are a diversified organization. We come from all walks of life. You don't know who you might look up and see as being a member of the National Rifle Association, and, because of that, I have a profound respect for weapons. This is not anything that would hurt anybody, but if you were to enact that proposition, there is no harm or danger to anybody, you could have a situation where I have committed a crime of violence, and I am released from the penitentiary, and the Constitution prohibits the state or any political subdivision from abridging my right to keep and bear arms. So those laws on the books right now that says a felon cannot be in possession of firearms would automatically be repealed as soon as you enact this. So do what you want to do or what it is you think you are doing, but I am greatly opposed to it, and I think that by putting it in the Constitution where they do, they say you have an inalienable and inherent right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and to keep and bear arms. A right which is inherent