

threatened would have a reasonable method whereby he or she might protect themself. It doesn't sound very serious to...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...most of you, ladies and gentlemen, it is serious. I do not support the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when Senator Hefner...Senator Haberman, excuse me, Senator Hefner. When Senator Haberman was telling you to look at pages in this book to see how many assaults and so forth were committed with firearms, he did not refer you to the recitation of murders or homicides where over 56 percent of the murders are committed by firearm. And 75 percent of the homicide victims are either family members or persons known to the perpetrator. So, if every firearm were taken, every firearm, pistols, shotguns, rifles, 56 percent of the murders that have been committed would not have occurred; 56 percent of the deaths that occurred in this state, through unlawful means, would not have occurred. When people talk about the family, that is usually just a ruse to try to make a piece of legislation that can't stand on its own merits seem to have a validity, which in reality it lacks. This bill that Senator Ashford has his name on, and to which mine is attached, is a weak bill. Were I carrying the piece of legislation it would do what it was designed to do, or it would die. It would not start out as a saber-toothed tiger and wind up as a neutered, toothless pussycat. That's what 355 is right now. If you want to learn about a perverted type of so called negotiation, look at 355. Those who are against gun control and oppose this bill are, and I use the term advisedly, crazy. You couldn't get a better deal than what you're getting with 355. In effect it is nothing, and it might prevent something that would really have some significance from being enacted. Senator Ashford, I've been calling him Bradford, and I notice that sometimes people write his name in newspapers as Bradford, showing the influence that I have. Maybe I can influence some of you to do the right thing here today. This man was explaining how he negotiates with his wife. And you young ladies listen to this. He said, my wife and I were discussing whether the sheets that we put on the bed should be made out of linen, or out of cotton. I felt they should be made out of linen, she felt they should be made out of