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SENATOR BEYER: That's the estimated if the 21 states would have passed this law, the other 21 that are not currently...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Is it your position that if we can save lives, we should...we should take...take that action regardless of what the trade-off is?

SENATOR BEYER: Well what do you mean by trade-off?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Let's take it if we could save 1,000 lives across the country by prohibiting the private ownership of guns, would you go with that?

SENATOR BEYER: Oh, yeah, if we could save lives. The thing of it is...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Okay, that's...that's...that's fine. I'll be happy to introduce that next year and see how you vote.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: My point on, first of all, on that last item is that, yeah, we can save lives, but let's look at what the trade-off is. We can get this down to zero is we prohibit driving, guaranteed, there will be no DWI, or there will be no drunken driving if we prohibit all driving. We have to look at what the trade-off is. The reason I...this...the reason I'm taking off on this one is because, and I intend to talk again, administrative license revocation really, really offends me, because we have to look at what we are doing. We are saying to the individual, if a police officer stops you, you lose. Let's not worry about a judge, let's now worry about a jury, let's not worry about all those criminal protections we have, you lose. But, here's the kicker, if you can come back in and prove you're innocent, then you can win again. All you got to do is forget about that presumption of innocence that we've had for the last couple hundred years, forget about all those rights of trial by jury, forget about the rights of having an impartial arbiter decide who's to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Lynch. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Picking back up with what Senator Kristensen, where we were with that, the reason I was asking that is to make