

To the committee:

The sponsors of this bill have spent a lot of time and effort on this bill to close LOOPHOLES. The biggest loophole needing to be closed is the lack of prosecution for offenders using guns. Please work to find law enforcement the money to enforce the laws on the books, to follow up on the persons who are denied in a current back ground check. Those denied often steal or buy weapons underground. Focus there. Close those loopholes because they are the areas where law enforcement can work most effectively.

Further, make the penalties for using a gun in a crime a greater deterrent.

Please vote no on this bill that will make little difference.

Many statistics I heard in committee today were skewed.

What we do know is that background checks now are sometimes inaccurate, sometimes an inconvenience, and often do not prevent the person denied from going elsewhere for a weapon and doing their deed.

Felons caught with a gun need to be punished to the full extent t of the law.

This morning we heard of the crime of an escapee. The effort to find that person should have been greater to prevent his next crime.

Why wasn't he found before that crime could be committed?

Why weren't resources put in that direction?

Is it because counties and law enforcement are underfunded?

Are you going to pass this bill and FURTHER distract and hamper law enforcement from catching and prosecuting the criminal?

Please vote no on SB941.

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