

Retreat, hell!

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman , committee members.

My name is Bob Wheeler. I appreciate the opportunity to give testimony in support of the Family and Personal Protection Act.

“ Retreat, hell! We just got here!” , is a “credited to Marine Captain Lloyd W. Williams. Captain Williams was in command of the 51st company 2nd Battalion 5th Marines during the battle of Bellena Wood in France during W W I. This is the battle that marines earned the nickname “Devil Dogs”.

I realize that we are not here for a military history lesson, but as a marine, retreat is not in our vocabulary. Under current North Dakota century code we have a duty to retreat, runaway, hide if possible, giving violent criminals the upper hand and embolden them.

Over the last 30 years, I've witnessed the empowerment of bullies by politicians and bureaucrats. The zero tolerance policy in place from preschools on up, have created a generation of victims. Children are no longer taught to stand up for themselves. They are told to run, seek help and tattle. How long until there is no one left to 'give help'?

Those bullies that have grown into violent criminals have never known resistance. They expect us to be willing victims. Those criminals understand that we are expected to attempt escaped before defending ourselves. This must stop!

Current Century Code create victims, when it should deter criminals. We have the opportunity to correct a past wrong, the opportunity to raise up the innocent and empower the citizens. As a rural state, we know that law-enforcement may be 30 or more minutes away. That is a long time to run or

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Hide.**

**In asking you to remove any signs of a “duty to retreat “,
from North Dakota century code. Restore our right to family
and personal protection.**

Thank you all for this opportunity to speak.

