

Senate Resolution 23 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SCHULTZ

1 A Resolution supporting the use of 5.56 mm rifle
2 ammunition made with a bullet having a steel core.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Alcohol,
4 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has recently
5 considered a ban on the manufacture, import,
6 distribution, and sale of 5.56 mm "green tip" rifle
7 ammunition; and

8 WHEREAS, rifles chambered for the 5.56 mm round are
9 among the most popular and widely owned in the United
10 States and Iowa; and

11 WHEREAS, the federal Law Enforcement Officers
12 Protection Act of 1986 codified the legal definition of
13 armor piercing ammunition; and

14 WHEREAS, the 5.56 mm rifle ammunition has been
15 legally manufactured and sold in the United States,
16 prior to and after the enactment of the federal Law
17 Enforcement Officers Protection Act of 1986 that
18 is now invoked in support of a possible ban by the
19 United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
20 Explosives; and

21 WHEREAS, the properties of the bullet and ammunition
22 have not changed since the year 1986; and

23 WHEREAS, the ammunition is no more dangerous
24 to law enforcement or to the public than any other
25 metal-jacketed rifle ammunition which would not be
26 subject to the ban under consideration; and

27 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police, the world's
28 largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers,

1 has stated that the specific round has not historically
2 posed a law enforcement problem; and

3 WHEREAS, the 5.56 mm rifle ammunition ban is not
4 reasonably related to a legitimate law enforcement
5 purpose or to any other hypothetical risk; and

6 WHEREAS, the only effect of such a ban would be to
7 restrict the availability of an otherwise legal, widely
8 used, and popular 5.56 mm rifle ammunition; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Alcohol,
10 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has not withdrawn or
11 suspended the agency's procedure to consider a ban of
12 the 5.56 mm rifle ammunition, but has merely deferred
13 the decision to ban such ammunition pending further
14 action to process the comments received and to evaluate
15 the issues raised by such comments; and

16 WHEREAS, such a ban would unreasonably infringe upon
17 the Second Amendment rights of Iowans; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
19 opposes any such ban of 5.56 mm rifle ammunition; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate supports the
21 future use of 5.56 mm rifle ammunition by Iowans in the
22 same manner as Iowans have previously enjoyed prior to
23 the proposed ban of such ammunition.