A bill was introduced in the Nebraska legislature for the prevention of reckless shooting, in which occurs this reckless phraseology: "It shall be unlawful for any person to fire off or discharge any pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, or any firearms whatsoever, on any public road or highway in any county of the state of Nebraska, or within sixty yards of such public road or highway, except to destroy some wild, ferocious and dangerous beast, or an officer in the discharge of his duty."

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