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At the end of the Missouri legislative session, there were 46 gun related bills, active either in committee or awaiting legislative vote. 26 were anti-gun bills. 7 were pro-gun bills. The remaining bills were somewhat restrictive of firearms or firearm use, but had bi-partisan sponsorship. None of the legislation made it to the house or senate floor for vote. The republican led house and senate, as well as speakers failed to act in the passing of pro gun legislation, as well as voting down the onerous anti-gun legislation.

Illinois Gun Control Bills Discussed Last Week.

- SB 2580 will impose a 72 hour waiting period for ALL firearms purchases**
- SB 337 will impose many new restrictions and red tape on firearms dealers**

2018 being an election year, do not expect the US House or Senate to vote on any gun legislation. Some liberal senators have garnered some Republican support for anti-semi-automatic legislation, but no passage is expected at this time.

Ignoring the fact that congress enacts laws, the BATF has taken it upon itself to legislate Bump Stocks and other trigger enhancing devices. The public hearing periods have passed, and we can expect the ban on these devices as soon as July.

Publicly funded study by the CDC remained unpublished and hidden from public release, confirming over 2 million defensive gun uses per year on average. Study also showed that firearms were used 3.6 times more often for defensive purposes than criminal offenses.

The FBI released a Pro-2nd Amendment statement, citing 'Preparation' by Police and Citizens. The study covered the last 50 active shooter incidents in the US during 2016 and 2017. In 10 of the shootings, the shooters were confronted by citizens, and in 4 cases the citizens killed the shooter, and successfully ended the incident 8 of the times. The detailed FBI report commended armed citizens as they were prepared and took action to protect others.

The boycott of NRA support by major companies continues, but has slowed somewhat. This has had a positive effect for NRA memberships, and retail guns and ammo sales.

The NRA has always supported the colors Black on Orange to represent gun safety and/or gun alerts. Anti-guns have recently adopted the same color scheme, in an effort to confuse and complain that the NRA is causing them harm. Wear your orange proudly.