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SHORT TAKE: THE HOUSE DOES NRA'S BIDDING

From a Thursday editorial in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

Once upon a time, Missouri gun-rights activists proudly upheld this state's right to pass and enforce its own laws. If you didn't like them, well, you were free to move to another state. That concept of states' rights used to be a bedrock philosophy of the Republican Party in its campaign against federal overreach.

Now, Republicans aren't

so sure that states know what's best for themselves, and maybe a whole lot of federal intrusion might be the best way to go. On Wednesday, the House of Representatives kneeled to pressure from the National Rifle Association and approved a bill that would allow federal law to supersede the ability of individual states to enforce their own gun laws.

The bill effectively allows states like Missouri

with the loosest gun laws to impose their will on states with tighter restrictions.

Although the NRA argues that Second Amendment rights should apply uniformly throughout the land, different states have conflicting interpretations.

The NRA is pressing its luck. Voters' tolerance is wearing thin for the mass bloodshed that accompanies looser gun laws. Thinner still is their tolerance for hypocrisy.