

good faith effort, primarily on the part of Senator Chizek, to work out a compromise, or a Nebraska alternative to the problem of gun control in our state. Senator Chizek's amendment has responded to every single concern raised by gun owners in this state. There is no registration in the bill; gun shows are not affected; family transfers of firearms are not affected. The NRA continues, as Senator Kristensen was the victim of another one of these fantastic alerts that the NRA sends out from Rhode Island Avenue, and look at where those alerts come from, they don't come from Lincoln, they don't come from your constituents, they come from Washington, D.C., and they come out every other day. Go after Senator Kristensen, the alert says, because Senator Kristensen voted for the amendment. Go after Senator Kristensen, make sure that Senator Kristensen never gets voted into office again. And that's what the message is of the National Rifle Association, that's their message, that is their message. In 1976 the National Rifle Association sent out to its members, in its monthly or weekly handout, or mailing, a statement that they supported waiting periods, they supported well-thought out, specific waiting periods. In the NRA fact book on firearms control, we support waiting periods. What's happened, ladies and gentlemen? Has the number of handgun slayings gone down? Have the number of shootings in the State of Nebraska between family members, spontaneous acts of violence with handguns, has that gone down in our state? No, but the NRA has changed its position. No waiting periods, no cooling off periods, maybe in Oregon, but not in Nebraska, maybe in Iowa, but not in Nebraska. How much longer are we going to be defrauded by this group? Eighty percent of Nebraskans want waiting periods. But we, in this body, say, no, we don't want that, we don't want cooling off periods. We're going to do what the National Rifle Association says because they're good Americans, because they stand there on Rhode Island Avenue, and they tell us what to do in this body, they tell Senator Schellpeper what to do, they tell us all what to do. The National Rifle Association has proposed an amendment, LB 801, they won't negotiate it. They send out handouts to members of this body and then they say, here are the problems with LB 355. They don't talk to me about the problems with LB 355. We, in good faith, have sat down and negotiated out a piece of legislation that not only is a good, solid effort to deal with the problem, but it is an effort to deal with the concerns that gun owners across the state have given to us. If this body rejects that and goes with a piece of legislation that we know does not work, we know will be vetoed because it's too