

expensive, that is irresponsible. That is an abrogation of our duty to the citizens of the State of Nebraska who have told us we want responsible, responsible gun regulation in this state. Eighty percent of Nebraskans favor it, but... And I ask you, all of you to please, as I said at the very beginning of this debate, look at the bill, look at the effort that has been put forth and base your decision on LB 801 on what is right, what is factually before you, and what hopefully will maybe prevent the death of one teenager, one child, or one wife who's the victim of a death or a tragic death as a result of a handgun shooting. That's the issue in this... on this bill, members, it's an issue of prevention. Can we in Nebraska get away any longer with ignoring the issue of crime prevention, and violence... and the prevention of violent, tragic shootings any longer? I suggest to you that we cannot. And I ask you to please, to look closely at the bill, look closely at what Colonel Tussing has said, this bill cannot work, it is impossible to work, it cannot work. It is too expensive, and most importantly again I think the vote today on 801 is going to send a message to Rhode Island Avenue that we, in Nebraska, will not be guided by, will not be guided by a vast, a vast bureaucracy in Washington. We're going to be guided by our own common sense. As Ronald Reagan said, let's let common sense prevail, let's let common sense prevail. And I quote, he says, Ronald Reagan in a speech at George Washington University, with the right to bear arms comes a great responsibility to use caution and common sense, on handgun purchases. And it's just plain common...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...sense that there be a waiting period to allow local law enforcement officials to conduct background checks on those who wish to buy a handgun. The Brady bill is good legislation. Ladies and gentlemen, this is not the Brady bill. This is a long ways from the Brady bill. This does not have a seven day waiting period in it, but if the Brady bill passes, and you do not enact good sense, common sense legislation in this state, your constituents will get the Brady bill. They will get a seven day waiting period. And then you can see how they like that, you can see how they like that. Congressman Deroin (phonetic) from Oregon, I've mentioned his name before, he was a 100 percent NRA member, supporter in the Congress. And Congressman Deroin (phonetic) said, I used to think... I listen, now I've heard; what I've heard convinces me that the conventional wisdom about the NRA's clout is hopelessly