

escalated, it now costs about \$350,000 to run the Virginia system. The State Patrol is not equipped to do the instant check, they don't have the computer records to do it. Do we want gun dealers to make the identification of convicted felons, or people who are in need of some kind of psychiatric help, or have emotional problems and shouldn't have a gun? No, of course not. This Sunday I was on television with one of the largest gun dealers in the state, Chuck Emig, from Bellevue. And by the end of that conversation Mr. Emig said to me, you know the certificate to purchase is the best system, it's the best system. He said, I've had occasions where people who are emotionally disturbed come into my store and I tell...and I do not sell them the gun. He gave an example of a woman that came into a store last year, was obviously emotionally disturbed, and he said to that woman, I am not going to sell you the gun. However, the next day she was able to purchase the gun somewhere else and she killed herself. Now Chuck Emig is unique. He doesn't sell guns just to sell guns. He cares about what he's doing. But unfortunately all the gun dealers in the state are not Chuck Emig. We need a system to create a bend in the road, to create a bump in the road for that person, the examples I've gone over and over again, to provide a cooling off period of some kind, or a chilling effect of some kind to that emotionally disturbed person who over and over again in Nebraska has easy access to firearms and commits homicides or suicides. The inconvenience is so minor in LB 355, as to cause some of the supporters of 355 to come to me and say, this is too easy a bill. And I understand that concern. The reason the bill is the way it is...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...is because Senator Chizek has worked for two years to respond to the concerns of the gun owners and the gun control people in this state, and has come up with something that works. It is the Nebraska alternative. Another concern that was raised in Wayne last night and I'm going to Hastings tonight, and I'm sure that the same concerns will be raised there, what about gun shows? Under the Schellpeper bill you will have to be checked each time you buy a firearm at a gun show, but not under LB 355. Under LB 355 your certificate to purchase will apply at gun shows. In Wayne, these are the citizens now, this isn't the Rhode Island Avenue group, John Lindsay from Washington is a nice fellow, but he doesn't understand Nebraska, he hasn't been to Wayne, he hasn't been to