

before us today is the seven-day waiting period and, on that basis, I would very much encourage you to oppose the committee amendments and allow us to go to the direct issue of the seven-day waiting period and there we can discuss the merits or maybe objections to that issue, but let us not debate once again the constitutional amendment. We don't need to do that. And I will give the rest of my time to Senator Chizek.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Colleagues, once again, I...Senator Haberman quoted me as saying not to hold up the bill. What I...when he talked to me earlier, I told Senator Haberman that I gave my word. I gave my word to Senator Ashford. I gave my word to the NRA that I would help negotiate some things that everybody could live with. And I told him I intended to keep my word. I think it would be facetious on our part to adopt these amendments, put something on the ballot that's going to cost substantial dollars, cost substantial dollars and it isn't necessary to put it on the ballot. And I think that borders on subterfuge to do it that way. And I, again, would urge you to vote down the committee amendments and deal with the bill on the issue itself.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I wasn't going to speak on the committee amendment but, after Senator Haberman did, I feel that I have got to express my opinion here. I'm not going...I'm not going to support LB 642, the seven-day waiting period, and I'm not going to support the committee amendment. And the reason that I'm not going to support the committee amendment is the people, the citizens in Nebraska, the voters in Nebraska voted this in. I feel that if I would vote for the committee amendment, I would go against the wishes of the Nebraska voters and I think this is wrong because they, by a large majority, they voted the right to bear arms amendment in. And so I don't think we should tamper with that. I realize, Senator Haberman, that this is a political gimmick. If we get the committee amendment on, yes, then they would have to get 30 votes and I don't believe that they could do that. But I don't think that that would be good legislation and I don't think it's the way for this body to go. So I'm going to oppose the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by