

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and, hopefully, we can come to a vote on this soon. But in answer to Senator Scofield, this bill was introduced as a seven-day waiting period bill approximately a year and a half ago or a year and couple of months ago. We had, on December 7th of last year, a lengthy hearing on the seven-day waiting period before the Judiciary Committee. Senator Chizek called a special hearing to make sure that we covered the issues of the seven-day waiting period prior to the bill coming on the floor. That hearing was in Lincoln...or in Omaha, and we had a thorough discussion of the issues, went through all of the other states that had waiting periods, discussed those issues at that hearing. Also, as far as negotiation is concerned, we contacted the NRA at the very beginning last year when we introduced this bill, sent them information and had contact with the Washington office and never received any response back at all on any desire whatsoever to discuss the seven-day waiting period or to negotiate it in any way. And so I do appreciate very much Senator Chizek's desire to try to work this bill out. I have seen him work magic before and I would not think that this would be a case where he could not do it again. But, be that as it may, I think the issue is pretty straightforward and it is not that kind of a complex bill that requires a reintroduction in another hearing which would be about the third hearing on this issue next session.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't know how many other speakers we have on this issue but I think, again, the case law is extremely clear, at least on our existing laws, that we can do this type of legislation and I hope we can move on to the bill now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please, followed by Senator Landis and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Now I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Chizek, would you like