

understand that, but I am always for the deterrents trying to work and help people who should not have them. I am pro-life. I am against abortion on demand. I am against capital punishment and I am against people having handguns who should not have them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, on the Haberman amendment, followed by Senator Hartnett and Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support the Haberman amendment, not without sincere appreciation for the position that Senator Crosby has just expressed. We have apparently a disparate interest in the state right now and I think that I'm on record as being concerned in particular about the crime problems in Omaha I've seen. I led the initiative last year that, in fact, put money into the budget that allowed Omaha to try to do something in particular about juvenile crime and drugs and we did it. That's a long-term solution. I think the hope that I hear being expressed here this morning is that somehow there is a quicker fix out there and yet I don't think there is a quicker fix and I have to represent what my constituents are telling me at this point and they're saying, we don't have this problem, thank goodness. We regret that Omaha does but we don't. And there is a lot of concern in my district about the background check. There is a lot of concern about, could the law enforcement agencies reasonably carry this out? Should they carry it out? And I guess once in a while you have to just recognize that situations are different. I often come in here and ask you to treat my area differently because of differences in population, differences in needs, and so I don't object at all if Omaha, in particular, feels that this might work for them, as they have already decided that it's worth a try, that's fine. But my constituents are telling me that's not really the way that they would choose to deal with this problem. In fact, I don't think they see the problem right now. We are fortunate not to have that problem. I have some concerns about the ability of law enforcement to carry these things out and, in effect, I think we're dictating where the priorities might be. This will take some time to accomplish and my law enforcement people have plenty of things to do. I suspect their priorities are a bit different than law enforcement people in urban areas simply because of the difference in the nature of crime. But I think what I hear being expressed here is a real frustration with an upward trend in violence in our society. It doesn't matter whether it's against another human being with a gun, we