

Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Haberman, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, you have heard the proponents of this bill say, let's move the legislation to Select File and then, then we can sit down and possibly work out a compromise that will be acceptable to both parties. Well, I would do the same thing if I was behind the gun and didn't think I had the votes to say, let's just pass it to Select File, then we'll sit down and negotiate. You have heard the opponents to the bill suggest that they do this. That, I can't understand. So, therefore, the necessity of my amendment. If you adopt my amendment and if the bill is then advanced to Select File, those people who are opposed to the seven-day waiting period are then covered. So you could say this, well, I will say this, adopt my amendment, then if the bill gets to Select File if everybody sits down and agrees on a compromise and this amendment is giving them a lead time, I will stand up and ask that it be taken off. Now, what could be more fair than that? What could be more fair than that? Put the amendment on, if the bill gets to Select File and if the proponents and the opponents sit down and have a compromise and both sides like the bill, and this amendment stands in their way, I will stand up and ask you to take this off the bill. That's fair, up front, honest and sincere and it's just as fair, up front, honest and sincere as those people who are saying, let's pass the bill to Select File and we'll correct all the problems then. It's just as fair as that. So all the amendment does is all counties below the population of 60,000 population will not be included in the bill. In answer to the question of the guns being bad, maybe we should have an amendment on this bill that people who are convicted of DWI, driving while intoxicated, the first time, the second time or the third time, not be able to get an automobile for seven days because it's the automobile that kills and not the person; the automobile kills and not the person; just like the gun kills, not the person. But the proponents of this bill would have you believe that's not true. So think about that. So all I'm doing is saying let's play fair, let's be up front, put the amendment on the bill, if it gets to Select File, it's in the way of the compromise, I will withdraw it. And, with those remarks,