

bill. (The Haberman amendment is found on page 892 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, on page 2, Section 1, the bill says, no persons shall transfer any handgun until after seven days have elapsed from the time a written notification of the transfer has been sent by the transferor to the chief law enforcement officer by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. On other parts of the bill it says, that the notice shall be sent back, either denying or saying that the purchase is okay, by regular mail. So my amendment merely says that it has to be sent back by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested or by hand delivery. What's fair in the first instance should be fair in the second instance. Now, there's nothing wrong with that. I mean, I really can't see anybody objecting to this because this is what the proponents of the bill wanted. They wanted it certified or registered and a return receipt requested or by hand delivery. So all I'm saying is when they return it back, it should be the same way, should it not? Why not? Why is it fair one way and not fair the other way? Now, we heard some discussion on the floor that said the bill pertains only to pistols or people who use pistols and that's not correct. This bill does not allow a person who is handicapped that has just one arm from going hunting. He cannot do that. It was said on the floor it's for short-barreled guns only. That is not true. On the last page of the bill, it says, shall mean any firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches in length or any firearm designed to be fired by the use of a single hand. Now, when a handicapped person goes hunting with one arm, one hand, he can't do that anymore under this bill. He can't do it. So are we going to sit here and deny the people who shoot skeets, blue rocks, pheasants, ducks, deer, coyotes and what have you, they can't hunt anymore? Go right ahead, folks, I'm not going to do that. They have just as much right as anybody else, but that's what was said on the floor and that's what the bill says. It's a poorly written bill. That's just one example. What does that have to do with my amendment? This, let's make it fair. If you have to send the notice registered, personally, certified mail, one direction, send it back the other way the same way. That's what the amendment does. We'll take care of the single hand later on, but I brought that out to get your attention to show you that this bill is poorly drafted. I will point some other