

tax number, tied with a tax number. You know what he's getting at there. And that's a compromise that I can live with. He said, I see problems out there, I do see problems, and part of the problems are these...this proliferation of people selling guns out of their basement. So there are compromises available, folks. And I talked to Senator Ashford on these and we just briefly talked about it.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And he's willing to compromise if he sees something that he can live with. So I think we can move this bill ahead and look at some of these ideas and maybe come up with a good solution and some compromise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Ashford and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending a press conference at which Sara Brady spoke. And I have to tell you I was tremendously impressed with her words and with her sincerity and with her conviction to this cause. As you know, her husband was shot, a few years ago, when a young man who, with mental problems, purchased a \$29 handgun, shortly thereafter...he purchased it, I believe, in Texas. Shortly thereafter, he tried to assassinate President Reagan and did, in fact, wound President Reagan, but severely injured Sara Brady's husband, Jim Brady, who as a result of that injury is still, as I understand it, suffering problems associated with it. He's recovered some, but certainly he will never be totally recovered. And she came to speak in the Rotunda and express her view that there needs to be some kind of restraint on handgun sales. And what an eloquent spokesperson for it, what an heroic person to come and advocate this cause for us. I don't think there should be any compromise in the concept of a waiting day...seven-day waiting day period. The concept, to me, seems like a very modest proposal, it is an attempt to somehow limit the unrestricted sale of handguns to anybody or everybody, no matter what their mental capacity is, no matter what their past criminal record, whatever. I think it's a very good concept, and I think the NRA is losing the battle in trying to oppose modest proposals like this. If there needs to be some clarification in the language of the bill itself, that's fine. But as far as compromising the concept, I don't think that is appropriate, acceptable or wise. I would