

enforcement has had with that in Nebraska, the NRA representative who appeared at that hearing in Wisconsin said, the right to bear arms amendment does not prevent a seven-day waiting period, does not prevent a seven-day waiting period from being passed by the Legislature. And the reason that it doesn't there, and the reason that it doesn't here is because our Supreme Court has said that we can pass reasonable legislation to protect our citizens, to protect our citizens we can pass reasonable gun legislation. A seven-day waiting period is reasonable gun legislation because it solves two very critical problems, one of which is allowing felons to have the same rights to purchase firearms as legitimate gun owners would have. And, secondarily, to have some policy whereby an individual would wait just a little bit before he or she would take that gun out of the gun store. And, if that is not reasonable, I don't know what is. If that's not reasonable then clearly in Nebraska we are not going to be able to pass any kind of responsible gun ownership legislation at all, no matter what the problem is, because the NRA will send in 2,200 letters into our state, and they will arouse the emotions,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...arouse the emotions of good citizens who fear that their rights are being taken away. And, ladies and gentlemen, their rights are not being taken away by this bill, their rights are protected by the right to bear arms amendment and by other provisions, and their rights are not being taken away. Lastly, Senator Landis made an excellent point. There are NRA members in my district who favor strongly the seven day waiting period. And there is a Mr. Fink, from Lincoln, whose come to me on a couple of occasions with some good, solid ideas on how to deal with this type of legislation. These are individuals that are willing to talk in a reasonable, rational way, and some of them have approached Senator Chizek. Those are the kinds of people we should listen to, not the individuals who send that kind of material into our state, who call senators "pinko Communist" because they want to help law enforcement solve crime. If we don't listen to reasonable citizens, if we only listen to special interest groups, we're going to end up not doing what is right in our state, and we do it a lot, and we should stop it. With that, I urge that we advance this bill to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by