

already overworked court system, and we've had many discussions about that. We'll have to hire more judges to handle the cases that are already on the books. And let's talk about the fiscal impact of this bill. What about our cities and municipalities and counties? To implement this, unless we fund it, they'll have to raise property taxes...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: And here we're trying to reduce or replace some of the property taxes that we have. They'll be increased expenditures of our local jails. And what about the liability? What about the liability if we put this piece of legislation on our books? It will just cause more. Also, it was mentioned that the NRA was willing to compromise on this deal. In talking to them they say that they are not willing to compromise on the seven-day waiting period. However, they will consider perhaps maybe certain changes. Senator Lowell Johnson just handed me a note that all the counties in Nebraska voted for the constitutional amendment and the right to bear arms. And now here we're coming back with a bill saying, we don't believe that's what you meant, we want to change that a little bit. And, so I'd just say to you that I can't support the bill. Also, in Senator Ashford's handout there was...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...there was....Okay, I'll use that a little bit later. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman is next, but may I introduce some guests in the south balcony, please. Senator Lowell Johnson has guests there. We have 42 fourth graders from the Grant Elementary School in Fremont, Nebraska with their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, would Senator Ashford yield to a couple of questions, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Ashford, was Hinkley a fugitive from justice when he shot those people in Washington?