

solution. There is no other state that has adopted this solution the way we have adopted it. It is our way of saying, yes, people of Nebraska, we are not going to listen to the lobbyists from the NRA, we are not going to listen to the lobbyists from the handgun control people, we are going to craft a law that makes sense for us, that solves the problem identified to us by 87 percent of our citizens who say, we want some ability to know, we want some ability to know that felons are not buying guns,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...at least handguns, and that that individuals who are not felons but who are in the heat of passion have some, some stopgap before they can take that gun and do harm to themselves and others.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Chizek and Senator Landis. We are on the Ashford amendments.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. The amendment is found on page 1074 but I am just opposed to any gun control measurements. I don't think 642 is a good bill. I don't think that this amendment is a good amendment. I can't see where it is going to help us that much. Also, we are going to place a tremendous burden on our law enforcement people to do all this checking, and it is going to cost a lot of money. I have been talking to some sheriffs in my district. They say that the only way that they will be able to do this is to add staff, and if they don't add staff, well, they won't be able to get out on the roads and the streets to do what they are supposed to do. And so, also, it is going to be costly to make these checks, and like for the county sheriffs, the only way that they can get it is raise property taxes. And, ladies and gentlemen, this is what this session has been about. We are trying to relieve property taxes or replace some of them. Are we going to fund this? I don't see anything in this amendment or in the bill saying that the state is going to pick up the cost, and we know it is going to be costly. I feel that this amendment will build costly new bureaucracies across the state and our law enforcement people should be on the streets and on the country roads in my area. Gun control in some of the cities hasn't worked. Look at Washington, D.C., crime has increased and they have all kinds of gun control. Homicides