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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I just thought that I would fill everyone in on what transpired from the time that Senator Ashford's bill was originally up, which I will do, but I have got to...Senator Hefner, shame on you, that is not true and you know it. What happened? I had agreed to be a mediator, if you would, to try and arrive at something that both sides could agree on. Now in order for people to agree, we started out our first meeting to see which areas we could agree with. Obviously, there was total disagreement on a waiting period, which I, personally, had some problems with, but both sides agreed that they had no objection to a background check. Both sides agreed they had no objection to a background check. It then became a matter of trying to identify something that we could put together that both sides could live with. I suggested near the end of the first meeting, and before the second meeting that we utilize something similar to what Omaha has. Four hundred thousand people, four hundred thousand people are living under this now. There were problems that some gentlemen from the NRA identified to me that we attempted to deal with. Number one, if someone wanted to go to a gun show this Sunday, obviously, there is no way they could get checked, et cetera, ahead of time. We provided in the amendment for that objection. Basically, what it does, it allows you to go in ahead of time, have a precheck, go to the gun show, and then you can purchase whatever you want and you must report them and register them with your local law enforcement agency within seven days. They also suggested that there might be cases where the law enforcement might not like somebody in certain areas and just arbitrarily deny them that right. We built into the amendment that if, in fact, that kind of a thing happens, that there is an appeal process, and I didn't want it to be a boon for the attorneys, so we allowed an appeal process where you were not required to have an attorney. I felt like we had come a long way. However, it was not agreed to. That brings us to where we are at today. Again, the amendment is, basically, what Omaha has. Your cost is minimal. Let me describe for you what happens. Senator Lowell Johnson would go into a place in Omaha and decide here is a weapon that he wants to purchase. Senator Johnson would get a receipt for the weapon, the serial number, et cetera. He would take it down to the Omaha Police Station, present this receipt...