

thought was best for Nebraska, I decided it probably was reasonable to provide a control on handguns, at least the waiting period. It did not seem unreasonable. It wasn't that we were taking away their weapons entirely. And then I had a letter published here just yesterday in a local paper, and I assume there will be others, and I understand the rest of you did, too, and I say I am supporting this bill in spite of Sarah Brady, not because of Sarah Brady. She indicated her terrible disappointment that the fact that I supported Senator Rex Haberman's terrible amendment. That is one of the reasons we are here today, that this bill has become somewhat of a reasonable bill. I consider that part of the process and I resent somebody from Washington, D.C., telling me what I did or what I didn't do for Nebraska, whether it is right or wrong. It isn't that she doesn't have the right to do that, it isn't that I am not in sympathy with Jim Brady, but it is the fact that I think that we ought to have the right to make those decisions for ourself in Nebraska without even adding some veiled threats, and I will say there are veiled threats on both sides of this issue. So I really don't need to dwell on that. I am sure you have all received at least some veiled threats. But as I have had conversations also from constituents as recently as last night, and I spent a long time on the phone, or night before last, excuse me. Most will admit that this is not an unreasonable demand to have a shortened waiting period to do something with the weapons, to obtain handguns in this case. I do not think that it necessarily follows that it should go longer. I also think there has been a reasonable compromise on the issue of gun shows. So for that reason, I support this amendment and will be supporting the bill, and once again to reiterate, I think that we ought to have the right to make our own decisions. I think that is what I am elected to this job for with input from my constituency and I resent letters from afar implying otherwise.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please. Senator Schellpeper, do you want to go ahead. I don't see Senator Wesely at the moment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I rise in opposition to this amendment. I guess I feel it doesn't make any difference whether you have a two, seven, fifteen, a waiting period is a waiting period. I don't see any reason that it does any good. If you will recall awhile back we had some polls that were published in our newspapers that showed that the