

subsided, but my friend realized there was a problem here. This person had serious mental problems and so he decided he had to move away. And so on Friday, on a week last summer, he was at work and that Sunday was about to leave to move with his father in a different state, and it turned out that that Friday this friend of my friend showed up once again with a gun at work, pulled my friend out, and shot him, and he died, and he died in a horrible way.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please, followed by Senator Elmer and Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I would like to go through the bill real briefly and I don't think that was actually done point by point, going through the three...I will try to make it as brief as I can...but going through the three points or guidelines we used in coming up with this compromise. One, is there a check provided? Yes, there is. The check is done by local law enforcement at the office of local law enforcement. I think that is a good provision because it requires the gun purchaser to actually...the onus is on the buyer then and not the dealer, but the buyer, who is going to take the gun, to actually go through the effort of going down to the police station and getting the permit. And, also, at that point, the law enforcement officer can not only take a look at the application that is filled out, but also observe the individual who is buying the gun, and that, as was indicated in my prior discussion, Senator...or Senator, Chief Curtis and Chief Skinner feel those are two very...that is a very important part of the process. Secondly, the bill provides, as I said, that the...for a process whereby the individual purchaser is not able simply to, if he or she were in an emotional state, a distraught state, the kind of state that Chief Curtis talked about where 11 individuals last year in Lincoln were in that kind of condition where they would purchase a gun and then go out and do harm to themselves and others, that individual would be required to go down to the police station, to be observed by a police officer, or law enforcement official prior to making the purchase and getting the permit for the purchase. The law enforcement can take up to two days to make that check, in most cases as is evidenced by the Omaha experience, the vast majority of cases, the individual gets the permit in a relatively short period of time. But there is a procedure so that there is some time elapsing prior to the actual picking up of the gun after the purchase, and also the individual does go to a police