

officer, law enforcement official and has a discussion with that law enforcement official, and I think that that is, albeit a compromise, is a good way of dealing with the emotional problems identified by a heat of passion argument, identified very, very vociferously by Chief Skinner and by Chief Curtis as being a real problem. So my good friend and colleague, Senator Robak, I just think is a little bit off the mark here. There is a problem. There clearly is a problem. It has been identified by law enforcement across the state. The question is, what is the most reasonable way to deal with the problem, not is there not a problem because, obviously, there is. Of the homicides in Nebraska last year, 35 percent were heat of passion homicides. I believe...I don't have the numbers right in front of me, 28 out of 52, and I have those numbers. And does the check work? Yes, I have gone over that over and over again. The check has worked in Omaha and in all the other states that have a check. Thirdly, as Senator Chizek alluded to, the third guideline is to make sure that this be a reasonable bill, that law-abiding citizens be able to purchase guns at gun shows without going through an awful lot of red tape and bureaucracy, and we have accomplished that because they can get a permit for a gun show, and they can go out and go to a gun show with that permit and buy a gun. Antique sales are exempted. One of the concerns that was brought to us was the antique guns that are not used as guns, as firearms, should be exempted and they are exempted. So we have tried to, we have tried to accommodate all three concerns in the bill.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: With that, I would just again urge that we adopt the amendment and Senator Landis has brought up an excellent point. There are some definitional problems in the bill but I think we can clear those up quite easily, or hopefully easily on Select File, and we will work to do that, Senator Landis. With that, I would, again, urge the advancement or the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, followed by Senator Lindsay, and Senator Hall.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I intend to visit on this bill just once and relate personal reasons why I cannot support it. Approximately 17 years ago, there was a brutal double murder in our family. The perpetrators, the