

issue in a reasonable way and in different ways. Maryland came up with its own solution. Oregon has its own solution. California has its own solution. But I think of all the solutions I have seen, the Nebraska solution is the most unique. It is not waiting periods, per se, it is not instant check, it is a combination of all of the other processes that have been developed to make sure that felons do not get firearms, and to make sure as much as possible that individuals in the heat of passion do not have easy access to firearms. I am not here telling you that this is going to stop individuals in the heat of passion from using firearms. What I am telling you is that what it will do is it will prevent easy access, walking down the street and buying a gun in the heat of passion, and shooting a relative, yourself, or a friend, or committing a crime. It will definitely stop that from happening. Now we can say that that is all right, that we are not going to give up our rights at all, even though this bill may stop that wrong, and that is a conviction that people have that I...I could give you 150 examples it is not going to make any difference to those individuals. What I would suggest to you is that we have carried the burden on this bill. We have identified the problem. We have brought together a consensus of law enforcement people across the state...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...who have identified the problem. Chief Curtis probably did it best when he said in the last four years 11 people in Lincoln bought guns the day before or the day they killed themselves or someone else. Guns are, handguns, especially, are too easy to buy if you have the wrong intention to buy them. Simply put, they are too easy to purchase. We have identified the problem. We have come up with a solution, and the solution is, we have a computer check, we do not unreasonably delay the purchase of the gun. The only time there is a delay of any great length is if that person is suspected by the law enforcement to either be a felon or have a mental disorder. Shouldn't we, as a society, not only ask our senators to vote for something like that, but demand that they vote for it?

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So with that, I urge very...I thank Senator Chizek again and urge that the amendment be adopted. Thank you.