

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Ashford amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Ashford amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, on the advancement of the bill, Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I know Senator Ashford has worked long and hard on this bill and he truly believes that this is the right way to go, and, Senator Chizek, I know that you have gotten the sides together and tried to work out a compromise that in your mind it would be a little better, but I still have a problem with it. And I guess the reason that I have a problem with it is because I am just against gun control, whether it be seven days or ten days or two days or a check. I think our law enforcement people have more important things to do. It was mentioned that handguns are dangerous. You doggone right they are dangerous. They will kill people. They will kill animals. They will kill anything, and so they are dangerous, but many things are dangerous. How about an automobile, Senator Ashford? You said we are trying to slow down people so they won't buy the guns to commit suicide. Well, automobiles are dangerous. Do we want to have a waiting period for them? In an automobile, you can gas yourself to death, or you can run in front of a big train, and you can do numerous things. How about knives? Knives kill. Are we going to have a waiting period for them, too? How about ropes? People hang themselves with ropes. We could go on and on. There are many dangerous things, but as I understand it now, this bill is patterned after the Omaha statutes or the Omaha ordinances, and I just haven't seen any figures that tell me that homicides and suicides, or what have you, have been cut in Omaha. The same way in Washington, D.C., my goodness, they have all kinds of gun controls in Washington, D.C., and yet the crime rate in Washington, D.C., is probably as bad as any place in the country. Talking about nasty calls and letters, well, ladies