

case and I remember it very well when that happened. I didn't hear Senator Elmer's comments, but as I related to you my personal experience with a friend down in Texas, if, in fact, there had been a waiting period in Texas, that person would be alive today. As I indicated, he was killed on a Friday, was going to leave on a Sunday. A waiting period would have made all the difference in that one life and I think there are many others perhaps that we can't even anticipate at this time that with the waiting period, with the sort of intervention that's envisioned in this bill, that those lives would be saved. And I think that's what we're talking about here and it makes me so angry and upset to have these cases, and we could bring out many of them, of individuals who have been senselessly killed when something as modest and reasonable as this was not in place. And so I guess what I think we ought to think about is, yes, the lives lost that would have been saved, but think about those future lives that we will be saving by having this amendment in this bill into our statute. We can't even at this time anticipate how many people that would be, but certainly it makes absolute sense to take at least this step forward. I would have liked to had it a seven-day wait rather than a two-day wait because in seven days more cooling off, more crimes of passion could be avoided. I would prefer that. But I'm willing to live with what's been supported here by Senator Ashford and Senator Chizek. And it seems to me that waiting a few days for something like a gun is absolutely sensible. I know, for instance, in all of our lives as we purchase things we wait for them. We go to a store and buy shoes, we wait sometimes for them to come in. We order them. We order a piece of furniture. Sometimes it takes time for it to come in. We have to wait for it to be delivered. Waiting for purchases is common, so to wait to purchase a gun is not inconsistent and even makes a lot more sense than having to wait for a record cabinet or a pair of shoes. And yet people are arguing about forcing people to wait to buy a gun? It seems so silly, it's unbelievable to me and I know that, again, people are sincere in this, certainly got a lot of calls on it. But I still think that they're anticipating this leading to other things and I don't know that it will lead to other things. All I hope that it will lead to is some people not dying. So I would very much support the bill and suggest that we advance it. And I know that it's not an easy vote. I know Senator Johnson, for instance, I admire his courage even at this point to consider voting for it, you know, candidate for Congress and thinking about some of the strong sentiments of NRA members, but nevertheless I think we all have to summon up the