

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...I could understand his argument. But the argument that one law means that there's going to be 20 more laws next year just doesn't wash in this kind of body, it doesn't happen and we all know that. Finally, let me just say this. I'm not going to vote to suspend the rules. I believe that we've had a hearing on this bill. I commend Senator Chambers, though, for bringing it up again; but I'm not going to vote to suspend the rules and I advise those who support the bill not to vote to suspend the rules because we're going to be back next year with another bill. We're going to debate this fully next year, have another opportunity to look at these things. I'm going to talk to both parties over the summer to see if there are ways we can work this out. So I'm not going to vote to suspend the rules today. We've had debate on this and I respect the body's wishes in that regard and hopefully we can just go ahead and not vote to suspend the rules and go on about our agenda. But I guess for the life of me I'll never understand...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Why such a simple measure that all it does is save lives without taking rights away from individuals for the life of me I'll never understand why we could not easily adopt legislation like this. But with that I would urge the supporters of this bill not to suspend the rules and let's get on with our agenda. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Additional conversation and discussion? Senator Hefner followed by Senators Wesely and Chambers.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to...I rise to oppose suspending the rules so that we can take up this gun control measure. Senator Chambers, there's been two votes on it. That's the difference between this bill, LB 642, and the nine that we advanced this morning. That's the difference. You've had two votes. That's a lot more than you've given us on the abortion bills. And I don't think that's fair. At least we should be able to vote on the abortion bills. We've had two votes on the gun control bills. You've had your chance to get the necessary votes to advance it. I appreciate Senator Ashford's words that advise the body not to vote to suspend the rules. I think this is the right way to go. Senator Chambers said guns were invented to kill. Senator Chambers, guns were also invented to protect people; and that's