

and tiny step in the right direction. I'm aware of the things that the NRA has said, the things that they continue to say. I've seen their advertisements in the little paper that is put out by the Council of State Legislatures or whatever it's called. There are full-page ads they'll take out in the World-Herald and other newspapers in this state and other states when legislation of this kind is being considered. And they try to frighten people, they resort to half truths and misstatements. When you have the chiefs of police of a number of cities, sheriffs, line officers...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in favor of this, then it is an argument in favor of accepting it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Hefner, would you mind answering some questions for me because I have just got to understand what you're saying here. I for the life of me don't. First of all, what rights, first of all let's identify the rights that you say we're taking away by having a waiting period of less than 48 hours to purchase a handgun. What specific rights, all be them, let's say they're constitutional rights, what constitutional rights are we taking away by having that kind of law on the books?

SENATOR HEFNER: I didn't say that we were taking away a constitutional right.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, what sort of rights...

SENATOR HEFNER: I just said that we were taking away the right to bear arms.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, where does that right come from?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, we just passed a constitutional amendment a year ago or maybe it was two years ago.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So that would be a constitutional right that would emanate from that constitutional provision, is that what you're saying?