

about issues and he told me that the pro life movement had several concerns and issues that they were addressing. And, of course, the waiting period for abortions was one and the parental notification bill was another, adoptions was another issue that they were concerned about; but the other issue that he said and he called to congratulate me for my efforts in the area of waiting periods for the purchase of handguns. And he said that that was part of the Metro Right to Life agenda, that it was an issue that was a concern of pro lifers in the sixth legislative district. I only wish that that group had...that that gentleman's point had made it onto the agenda down here this week. Maybe we would have had enough votes to pass this bill. But we would have had the NRA versus the pro life group and that would have been an interesting...I don't know who would have won at that point. But basically it was a very interesting point and that is that what we're trying to do here by this bill is...what we're trying to do is to create a basic rule that will address a very specific problem that we have identified in our state which is the loss of life of individuals who are just as concerned and worried as young women are when they go in to get an abortion. They're in a state, as Senator Lindsay said on the parental notification bill, a state of great concern and depression. And it's that same individual that we're talking about in this bill, that same person who the statistics indicate over and over again is very apt to do harm to himself or herself. We have a very simple solution to this problem in LB 642. It's...that solution is to say to individuals that because handguns are dangerous, because handguns are easily concealable, because handguns are used traditionally as the weapon of choice of individuals to commit suicides or to kill their family members or others because they're distraught that we as a society are just going to simply have a little bit of a burden. We're going to have to wait maybe an hour, maybe two hours, maybe a day depending upon the policies of the particular police department in the town that you live in before they go out and buy a handgun. And they're doing that because they care. And senator or Bob Spire I think said it very well the other day. He said this is the kind of bill that indicates whether or not we care about our neighbors. We can wait, ladies and gentlemen, 24 hours, we can wait one hour or two hours before we get a handgun because we care about our neighbors. We care about individuals who may be distraught for one...or depressed for one reason or another. We care about them and their desires and concerns and we hope that by giving them some time to think they will not commit the kind of tragic acts that