

intelligent young man. I respect him. We just happened to disagree on this issue. I told him that I got on the phone our last recess and called gun dealers in Omaha. I said to these gun dealers, what do you think about you initiating a call for the background check? They said, we don't want anything to do with it. We don't want anything to do with it. I mentioned that to my young friend. He said, I don't care about the gun dealers, I care about my 20,000 members. Well, I've got to be concerned about his 20,000 members and I also have to be concerned about the dealers in the State of Nebraska. I, again, think that this amendment offers us a reasonable compromise. For three years, I have attempted to arrive at a middle ground.

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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I have often wondered if there is a middle ground. I had calls from two or three people this morning saying that I did not represent the views of my constituents. I pointed out that as late as last Saturday I was in a meeting with a number of my constituents and this issue came up. Obviously, I did not talk to all of my constituents but I think this is a reasonable approach to a problem. It is not going to go away. A kill motion or bracket isn't going to make it go away. I told, a year ago when I was negotiating with the handgun control people, and John's predecessor...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHIZEK: ...that this issue would continue until some kind of resolve was arrived at. I hope this is a resolve. If it isn't, you must do what you think is right and my conscience is clear.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. I will now recognize Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Ashford, Schellpeper, Robak and Will. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this amendment. And I realize that Senator Chizek is sincere about offering this one and wants to make this bill a little better if he can. But I don't think it's doing the job. Also, Senator Ashford, I know that you're sincere in offering this to the body. But this amendment, I feel, is based