

wait, I will put in with you and I will put in with the opposition to LB 355. But the life of one person is worth that wait. It is worth that wait once a year, once a year. The only reason there is opposition to this bill is because...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...John Lindsay, who is a good guy, he's bright, he's articulate, but he is wrong on this one, members, he's wrong. We, in Nebraska, feel that the saving of one life is worth it, one life, and that is what this bill is all about. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senators Robak, Will, Chizek, Morrissey and Wehrbein. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELPEPER: Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman, and members, I also rise in opposition to this amendment. I'm not sure that we need a handgun bill either but if we have to have a handgun bill, 801, LB 801 has had a hearing. It's sitting in the committee. It's something that will do almost what Senator Ashford wants except you will not have the waiting period. This amendment, it says does not have a waiting period, yet the police have up to two days to conduct a check. Now if that isn't a waiting period, what is? It says it does not have any registration. That's right, but it has a copy of the application. The cooling off period is those two days so you have a two-day waiting period. LB 801, like I said, had a hearing. It will come out of the committee. I have an amendment filed to gut this bill and put 801 into it. If you want to have a bill that is gun control, let's use LB 801. It's an instant check. I have it set up so that it will take effect January 1st, 1993. By that time, the records will all be computerized. We'll know where we're at. We're...actually, we're a little bit too early for a computerized check in our systems at the present time but give us until 1993 and we'll have it there. It's just that we're now coming into all of these record checks with the different computers. LB 801 does work. It's in three other states and it's working there with a lot more handgun checks than what we have here in Nebraska. It's estimated that we have approximately 20,000 handguns that are transferred each year. I don't know whether that's high or whether it's low. Omaha has a \$5 registration fee. We could use that same fee and we could...we could for it, for LB 801 if