

we wanted to put it into effect right away. The fiscal note on it was 120,000, 123,000 if we put it into effect now. But if we wait, we will have these records more computerized, be ready to do more things. I don't want to get into all of what LB 801 will do but it is not a waiting period, it's an instant check. This amendment covers all private transfers except felony members. If you want to give it to one of your friends, you have to have a permit. This amendment is true regulation of handguns just for the sake of regulation. We don't need this amendment. We have LB 801 that we can use instead. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President. I have a question for Senator Chizek, please. Senator Chizek, in your very eloquent opening you made reference to mental incompetents. Would you explain to me what a mental incompetent is?

SENATOR CHIZEK: It's defined by federal law as anyone who has been confined to a mental institution.

SENATOR ROBAK: Anybody who has been confined to a mental institution is a mental incompetent?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes.

SENATOR ROBAK: Are you suggesting then those...somebody that's been confined to a mental hospital is a criminal?

SENATOR CHIZEK: No.

SENATOR ROBAK: And a record of mental disorder, I believe, is the term that Senator Ashford has in his bill and I find that very, very highly insensitive to people suffering from mental illness. And I don't believe that people suffering from mental illness are any different than anybody that's suffering from epilepsy or diabetes or any other illness. And I don't believe that they are the type of people that go out and commit crimes. I think probably for their illness they commit fewer crimes than any other group of people do. And I find that remark very insensitive.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, it's federal law, Senator, I'm just telling you what's in federal law and, you know...