

your amendment is great. I think every law abiding citizen in the State of Nebraska would comply with that amendment but the only thing is I don't think criminals would pay any attention to it I don't think criminals would. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Chizek amendment. I think it's important to keep in mind exactly what we're doing here with the Chizek amendment and not let the emotions of this issue get in the way. The Chizek amendment would become the bill. What it would do is take the original LB 355, which would have established a waiting period coupled with handgun registration, would completely do away with registration, would implement a system whereby an individual would be required to purchase an annual permit or qualify for an annual permit to purchase a handgun at which time..at the time that the individual applied for that permit a background check could be done. That would be it. The person has the permit and then is able to buy a handgun for the next year. I think the Chizek amendment is a very reasonable compromise to LB 355. It gets rid of the registration requirements that certainly were a red flag and to which a number of people objected. I would hope that the body would see fit to adopt the Chizek amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I guess I'm not amazed. I'm a little surprised. As I said, we sometimes...and I guess this is an appropriate time as any to say, shoot the messenger. I asked the NRA yesterday, Senator Hefner talked about the cost of my amendment, I asked the NRA about their amendment and I said my conversations with people, including the patrol, indicated that it would be substantially higher. The \$5 fee, 20,000 that Senator mentioned, I think it will be substantially higher than the A bill. I said to the NRA if it's higher than that, why don't you folks pay it? Are you absolutely sure that that's where it's going to be? They said, no. They said, no. But that's somewhat of a subterfuge. I...we're not dealing with costs right now. We're dealing with a problem that has surfaced for three years and I guarantee you it will surface again next year unless you do something. My intent was not to have a registration. Senator, you had indicated that my bill or my amendment was registration. That is not my intent. My intent