

could be acceptable to them. They will give on that point. The nose of the camel under the tent and that thus Nebraska will soon go to complete gun restriction and gun registration, I don't believe, Senator, you, if you're here, or most of the members of this body will ever allow that to happen in Nebraska. This is not California. This is not the East Coast. This is, after all, Nebraska and that's why it's taken Senator Ashford so long to get even a fairly reasonable gun control issue before the body. I will support the Chizek amendment and I would urge you all to talk...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...to your members that are against...that are for 801 and see if they don't like this better. See if they don't. I would urge you to support the Chizek amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. I will now recognize Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Lindsay and Ashford. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to remind you of an article that was in the Omaha World-Herald this past week and it was written by a representative in Congress who happens to be from Oregon. And I just want to refresh your memories. I'm sure that most of the people on this floor who are debating on this issue read this article, the special calm by this representative, but some of the things he said were pretty compelling. He said, "Most of the people I represent are now more concerned about gun violence than they are about whatever inconvenience may be caused by a seven-day waiting period, which can prevent felons, drug addicts and the mentally disturbed from buying handguns. The Brady bill and assault weapon curbs aren't panaceas for crime but evidence at the state level shows they will help. My constituents want policies that reduce violent crime regardless of whether they are labeled gun control. The gun lobby guarantees its political irrelevance by denying that, by opposing moderate measures, like the Brady bill, which public opinion research shows 87 percent of gun owners favor. Now, I don't know where that research comes from but that's a pretty compelling statement which public opinion research shows 87 percent of gun owners favor. The leadership of the NRA has made its congressional supporters patsies in a game of lethal consequences." I guess I submit to you here today, ladies and gentlemen, that the time really has