

come to do something. I think the public overwhelmingly has shown support for some kind of bill like this one. My only problem with the Chizek amendment and some of the other amendments that have gone to this bill is that perhaps they don't go far enough. I think Senator Chizek should be thanked for trying to bring a compromise that more people in the body can support. No law is perfect. No law is going to prevent the use of firearms in the commission of crimes but this one will go some ways toward that and I would just want to go on record in favor of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the Chizek amendment. I guess I would like to give a shot at trying to bring the debate back where it ought to be. We're not, at this point, I don't think, debating whether Senator Schellpeper's 801 is a...is gun control or not. We're not talking about, really, about LB 355 as it's written. What we're talking about is Senator Chizek's amendment which Senator Ashford has agreed to which makes the bill a little bit better. It is, in its truest sense, a compromise amendment. This is, of course, Senator Ashford's priority bill. I think we ought to be fair to that...to that extent and let's get the bill into the form that Senator Ashford wants it. And then when we get to the point where Senator Schellpeper offers his amendment to gut the bill, to put in 801, then we can get to the debate on the issue that we're talking about. This issue is simply should we or should we not get it into the form we want? Is Senator Chizek's proposal a better proposal? I believe it is. Senator Ashford has already said he believes it is and I think the majority of the people on this floor believe it is. When we get to the point, talking about whether the NRA bill to provide for gun control is really gun control, we can get to that point. But let's talk about this amendment now and I think we ought to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to, before we end the debate today in whatever fashion that it's ended, I would like to respond to a couple of points that I think need to be responded. First, Senator Robak, and I think she made a very good point. One of the troubling parts of gun control general'y across the country has been the issue of what