

does mental deficiency mean or mental incompetency? And it's an issue that she has raised here today and it's a good issue and it needs to be addressed. What the Chizek amendment has done simply is put...is this, obviously, when someone goes into a gun store today to purchase a gun, a handgun, it's required that that person fill out a federal form. That federal form is not always filled out truthfully. The purpose of this amendment and our LB 355 generally is to get at that problem, those people who do not...one of the purposes, who do not fill out the form truthfully. Federal law requires that someone who has been judged a mentally incompetent person or has been committed to any mental institution is not allowed to own a firearm. That's federal law. And so that's why that language is in the bill, not as a slight on people who may have psychiatric problems or mental illness problems in our society which is another issue. But I appreciate Senator Robak bringing that issue and it was a sensitive thing for her to do. The second point that I would like to talk to is the issue of registration just again. The difference between LB 355...just a second, Jerry, or Bernie, just a second. The difference between LB 355, as written now, and with the Chizek amendment is simply this. There is a degree of registration in LB 355, as written, because each time that you would purchase a handgun in Nebraska you would be required to obtain a permit. That record of that purchase would be on record with the local law enforcement people. Now we could pass...have amendments that would restrict the amount of time that those records could be kept and I would be perfectly willing to do that and be prepared to talk about that. The Chizek amendment has done away with that problem. The guns can be purchased across the state in various places with the annual permit. There is no registration of any particular firearm. I'm not convinced, in my own mind, that law enforcement shouldn't have some ability to know who has firearms and to help them solve crimes but that's not the issue. The Chizek amendment has done away with that issue. So I just wanted to address those two problems and I appreciate Senator Lindsay's addressing the issue here. I said in the press and I've said here today that if this bill could be moved over with the amendment to Select File, I will...and I have already made arrangements to go to Wayne, unfortunately, for Senator Conway, and maybe, for me, unfortunately, for me, but...though I can't wait to get to Wayne. My family is from Dakota County and I can't wait to be there. But be that as it may, Wayne is a lovely place, Senator, that's right. And I'm making arrangements to go to Hastings and to Seward and I would love to