

go anywhere else that I'm wanted to discuss this bill and if this bill gets advanced off of General File, which I hope it will, to Select File, it will give me an opportunity to listen to people outside of Lincoln and Omaha and hear what they have to say about this measure. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. I will now recognize Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Will, Schellpeper and Hefner. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President and members, I simply wanted to ask a couple of questions and I don't know whether it should be Senator Ashford or Senator Chizek. But the first one, if I understand it, Senator Chizek, I guess, how long...if...say I might be a typical gun owner, I don't own a handgun, that's...I'm telling the world. If I was to go buy...wanted to buy one, I could get this registration now and that would be all I would ever do. I could buy the gun and own it for the rest of my life without any...any further "duress". And, on the other hand, if I wanted to buy two or three this year and have two or three for the rest of my life, that would...there is no...so the cooling...and then the second step, the cooling off period, there is really no cooling off period other than the first registration.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's correct. That's correct, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It may take two days. If I decide to buy a gun, it would take two days, but then I would have the weapon. In six months if I had a passion again or a fit of rage, I could...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...I would be in a position to misuse the weapon perhaps.

SENATOR ASHFORD: You could. It's still...we're trying to balance this out and not have it be too overly restrictive. We want to get at the impulse buyer who purchases a gun, like the examples that I have stated, the first time is not a felon but has an emotional...is emotionally distraught and that first-time buyer who has done harm to himself or herself and others, that's what we're trying to address in the bill.