

for an exemption for gun shows or...because the permit would be in the possession of the individual buyer and he or she would be able to purchase with that permit at a gun show. I might just point out a couple of things. Since yesterday, former President Ronald Reagan issued a press conference this morning in which he announced his support for the Brady bill, the seven-day waiting period bill. Jack Kilpatrick, in an editorial this morning in the World-Herald, predicted, as are many, that the Brady bill will pass this year in the Legislature. From the very beginning of last year and then this year again, LB 355 has been described as a Nebraska alternative to the Brady bill and it started out, obviously, as a permit to purchase for each firearm, and now with the Chizek amendment, it is a permit to purchase on an annual basis. What you members will have if you do not pass LB 355 is, very likely, the application of a seven-day waiting period for the purchase of handguns applicable to all purchases in the State of Nebraska. I think, as Senator Chizek rightly said yesterday, he, primarily, he and his staff has been...have been working to try to carve out a Nebraska alternative, one that works for Nebraska. I'm sure that if we took a poll in the State of Nebraska or at least in this body of those who oppose LB 355, I will bet you we would find that those who oppose LB 355 oppose a seven-day waiting period even more. And if they fail...if we fail to advance LB 355 off...onto Select File, we will have a situation where certainly in April, when the Brady bill comes up for a vote, we will not have a vehicle to deal with the problems of guns in our society other than at that point the Brady bill. And I think that, from the very beginning, we have tried to tell all of you that what we have tried to do here is carve out a Nebraska alternative, based on a system in Omaha that has worked for 50 years. I might just...I'm going to cite a couple more examples and I will cite some more as we go along. This is from the committee hearing on LB 355. Deborah Post came in to testify about her father. She said, my name is Deborah Post and I think I am for 355. She said that when I walked into her home on January 7, 1991, she found that her father had committed suicide and had bought the same afternoon...with a gun, a 38 millimeter handgun that he had purchased that morning or that day, a few hours earlier, from a Lincoln gun store. Yesterday, I cited additional examples and I have tried to hand those out to you. At the very beginning of this debate, I said that if you are not convinced that the natural consequence of this bill is the saving of a life or lives in the State of Nebraska, vote no, vote no. But if you are persuaded that the case like the Deborah Post...