

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...father's case, the other cases across the State of Nebraska would have occurred anyway, would not have occurred, at least some of them would not have occurred without some bump in the road along the way towards purchasing that handgun over the counter the same day that either an individual took his or her own life or the life of a family member, then I ask you and persuade you to at least move this bill to Select File so that we have, in Nebraska, our own alternative to a federal bill, which some of you who are opposed to LB 355, won't like very much and nor will all of your constituents who are calling and writing you on LB 355. I would ask you today to do...to check with your constituents over the weekend...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...on the Chizek amendment. I...the calls we have been getting have been significantly different than prior to the adoption or at least the introduction of the Chizek amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to announce some guests of Senator Beyer. There are 75 fourth graders from the Gretna Elementary School and they are in the north balcony with their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us. The next speaker is Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I rise in opposition to this amendment. I passed out a letter here that will explain some of the problems we have with this amendment. It's made to sound like according to...from Senator Ashford that everything is all going to be hunky-dory if we pass this amendment. That's not the way it's going to be. You're still going to have a two-day waiting period. You're going to have a...that you have to have this permit and I think this permit will eventually be a registration. You can call it what you want but it's a permit type. We do not need this amendment. We have LB 801 that's coming up. I filed the amendment to be...to gut LB 355 and to put 801 into it. It's an instant check. We will have it. We don't have to have the seven-day waiting period, as Senator Ashford has said. We can have an