

I'm not going to take a lot of time but just give you a few comments. Senator Chizek, not everybody in Iowa is happy with their gun control law. And I believe you said yesterday that the NRA did support that bill. Well, my friends in Iowa tell me that they did not support all the bill, they supported parts of it. But these friends that I have in Iowa says that they're certainly not happy with it and they don't believe that it's doing the job. But let me tell you this. Felons and criminals will not get this permit or certificate or whatever we're talking about in this amendment. They won't bother to get that. So what you're doing, you're punishing the honest people. These felons and criminals are going to get their guns another way. Also, we discussed the cost to the local police department or county sheriff's department and, yes, it's going to take extra time. They're going to have to put on additional people and that's going to be extra cost. And how do we raise that money? There's only one way we can raise it unless the state will pick it up and that's by property taxes. So there's another thing. They have...these gun owners will have to get this permit or certificate renewed every year. So that's going to be a cost. I'm happy to learn, Senator Chizek, that the liability is in there. I didn't get a chance to read that amendment very carefully and I missed that. So I'm glad to see that we're not leaving it there. Senator Brad Ashford passed out a sheet here and they say, I have been getting calls from police and citizens supporting this measure. Well, let me tell you that all the police and all the law enforcement people are not supporting this gun control bill because I have some in my district that are not and I just wanted to pass that on. Also, Senator Ashford talked about suicides. Well, if we're so concerned about suicides, then we better have a knife control bill, then we better have a drug control bill, and there's numerous ways a person can commit suicide. Also, he mentioned that former President Ronald Reagan is now supporting a gun control bill. Well, I'm sure that he's had a lot of pressure put on him because we know that Sarah Brady was campaigning here in Nebraska for a gun control bill and her husband was trying to save his life and did save it. So I can see where a lot of pressure. But President Bush, our Commander in Chief, is not supporting the gun control bill, nor is the U.S. Attorney General. And I just wanted to pass these things along. So I would urge you to vote against this amendment and then support my kill motion which will be coming up in a little while. Thank you.