

after 1974, your records are there to be checked. If you happen to be a convicted felon but born before 1954, you're...you're not there, you're not on the computer. There isn't such a thing as an instant check and, members, there will not be an instant check in 1993. What...and, again, I get back to what I said at the very beginning, what is in your heart? What makes sense? What makes sense? Are we going to hide our heads in the sand constantly and ignore what is happening in every county in this state and let be guns be sold over the counter? I got a call from an NRA member in Omaha who said, I get a permit and I'm proud of it because I know that felons cannot get it. I have a right to that permit...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...but a felon does not. That is a substantial difference and an NRA member who said that to me said, I like the idea, I want a permit, I want to be protected, I want a certificate. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We will now go to Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I just think it's time we politicians climb down from our ivory towers and stop passing these kind of laws. They're insidious, superfluous, backdoor, tail-wagging the dog attempt at crime prevention. And I think some wise man once said, I don't know who it was, he was here in the Chamber, said that the most violent element in society is ignorance and keeping guns out of the hands of people is not the way to stop crime or violence. And I just think it's time that we stop passing these feel-good, do-nothing laws like we did last year during all our drug laws, but now this is another one that we're passing that means nothing and it's not going to help anybody. And I think that this is a good bill. I think Senator Chizek has cleaned up his opening statement a little better this morning. He's deleted a few of the remarks that he made yesterday. But I still think that it's a very good bill. I like the intent of it and I think that every law-abiding citizen of the State of Nebraska would abide by this law but I don't think any criminals will. So I oppose the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. We will now go to Senator Schellpeper.