

I can only hope that the body will look at the bills as written, and make their decision based on the merits and not on some irrational, emotional argument. Finally, what our bill does, and what 801 does not do, and what is the significant difference is that this bill does, LB 355, without the amendment does provide a cooling off period, albeit short, a chilling effect, albeit not what we all wanted. And I know that I introduced this bill as a seven day waiting period, and that's what I favor, but that is not the kind of measure that is going to pass in Nebraska, and that's why we have LB 355 here today. And if I was in Congress, which I'm not and never will be, I would vote for the Brady amendment, seven day waiting period. But I've compromised this bill, Senator Chizek has worked on it. But we are faced with the NRA alternative now, LB 801, which has not been compromised an iota, which does not work, and which is too expensive. I urge my colleagues here to please vote down this amendment, and let's do a Nebraska bill. Let's reach a Nebraska accommodation to a problem which is such a tragic problem in our society. Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have a minute and a half, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Ashford put his name on this amendment because he wanted to be associated with a good amendment to this bill, to try to help the bill. He can tell you otherwise, but that's the reason that he really did it. LB 801 is a bill that will work, it's working in Virginia, and they do three times as many checks as what we do. He said that the fiscal note is 180, it's \$123,000. And if we put a \$5 check on this bill, or on his bill, either way, you can't expect the property owners to pick that up, somebody has to pick up that fee, and it should be the person that has that gun.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: And when you do it, that will take care of that money. LB 801 won't take effect until January 1, 1993. By that time the computer system will be in place. Right now they only have about 55 to 60 percent of their...of the computer records in place. But if you wait until January 1, 1993, they'll be there, you can call in, they'll pull up that there computer, or they can tell you right away whether you're a convicted felon or not. The whole country is going this way.