

or to get from people outside of the urban areas. But I obviously am wrong, because the support for this measure is not just in the urban areas, that was an incorrect assumption on my part. It was...and I take it back, for whatever that is worth. This bill and this proposal should apply state wide to every county, and every city, and every farm, and everywhere across this state. It's a good, solid...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...policy that inconveniences our citizens so ever slightly, so ever slightly in as much as only once a year will they be required to get...have a background check done and get a certificate. But the homicides have occurred across this state, in Buffalo County, Cherry County, Colfax County, Dakota County, Dodge County, Hamilton, Madison, Merrick, Otoe, Red Willow, and Saline in 1989. That in and of itself is sufficient reason to make sure that policies that we enact in this body apply state wide, and not only in a few counties of the state. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I've not spoken on this bill, I doubt that I will speak again. I supported the Chizek amendment several days ago. And I would have to say that notwithstanding the best efforts of certain people, the NRA is probably going to be successful in the passage of LB 355, if they continue to lobby as they have in the past. It's unfortunate. What is really unfortunate is that in the particular case of LB 355 we have given a certain group of people a rallying point. I do not mean to belittle the efforts of the two sponsors, they are sincere individuals and they mean well. But there are many individuals who are crying for the passage of LB 355 because it is, in their opinion, something which takes the emphasis away from where many other crimes are being committed. Everyone knows that you can die violently with a handgun, or any other kind of weapon, knife, club, what have you. What is of more concern to me is what happens after we pass this bill into law. I have spoken briefly before on the floor about what I continue to talk about very often privately and in some instances publicly, and that is the terrible disparity in the way justice is carried out. I can tell you what will happen if LB 355 becomes law. Once again the individual who doesn't have any influence, who doesn't know