

NRA to do the same thing. The NRA simply has not told the truth about LB 355, or what is intended to be done, and I invite the NRA to be responsible to do what is right. I don't mind debating the issues of LB 355, as opposed to the instant check, but I think it is incumbent upon the NRA to tell their members that there isn't such a thing as an instant check in Nebraska. They should tell them that. They should tell the truth. It was interesting. Some of the people in Hastings had three or four very good suggestions about how LB 355 should work, and I think the NRA ought to seek out those suggestions from their members, the people who are outside of Washington or outside of Lincoln, find out from them what they think about LB 355 and some of the suggestions that they have, and maybe talk to me about those things. Over the weekend, I was, obviously a very influential senator in this body, my chairman, Senator Moore, indicated in the press that he felt the NRA would be better off working it out, well, with us, and I invite them to do that, but before they do that, I invite the NRA to go out and talk to their members. Instead of simply telling their members what they should think, I think they should go out and talk to their members and ask their members what their members think, and actually go out to Hastings and Seward and Wayne and Cozad and Lexington and talk to them, and say, what do you think? Would you rather have a seven-day waiting period or would you rather have some kind of reasonable alternative? Here is the problem with the instant check, here are the things that we've supported in other states; 15-day waiting period in Oregon. We think that there are other alternatives and we want your suggestions. I am going to do that and I invite the NRA to go out there, too, and listen to their members instead of trying to dictate to their members. Finally, I would, finally, I would say that Congress is, as I said on Friday, Congress is moving ahead on the Brady bill. As we've said maybe 100 times in this body, what Senator Chizek and I have been trying to do with LB 355 is to, though as I have said, I support a seven-day waiting period, and if I were in Congress, I would vote for it. We have tried to carve out a Nebraska alternative to the seven-day waiting period, one that recognizes the fact that Nebraska is, for the most part, a rural state with a lot of space in between urban areas and cities, and that there are gun buyers and gun enthusiasts who live long distances from urban areas or from towns, and that their interest should be looked at and talked about and reflected in this legislation. That is what we have tried to do in LB 355. So I hope people understand that, that that is what, in good faith, we have tried to do for almost three years now. The NRA