

has not budged one iota, one scintilla from their...at least from their instant check bill. So I hope that in this next four weeks that I will have the opportunity, I know I will, to go out further to talk further about this bill, to answer questions, and to bring back to this body the real concerns of people in Nebraska, not the concerns that the NRA says are out there, because I suggest to you that the concerns that the NRA represents to you as being concerns of Nebraskans aren't the concerns of Nebraskans. There are those, and I acknowledge it, who oppose any gun control, and I respect that view, and I know Senator Hefner doesn't support it, and maybe others don't support any gun control whatsoever, and I respect that deeply-held belief that they have, and I don't expect them to vote for this bill. But there are those, I think, who realize that some form of gun control is coming to our country, either on the federal level, and it certainly has come to many states, and I think that those who certainly oppose it philosophically are individuals who I can certainly respect for their views, but I would suggest to you that this four-week period of time will allow further discussion and, hopefully, we can have a vote then on May 8 and, hopefully, we will have some better indication from Congress what they intend to do, and maybe some indication, further indication from the people of the State of Nebraska as to how they would wish us, in this body, to consider this problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. On the motion to bracket, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the bracket. I would sooner bracket until May 8, 1992, but that wasn't the motion. I want to make just a couple of comments about the current LB 355. If you...in its current form, if a person would loan a gun to their neighbor and their neighbor would not have a permit, they would both be guilty of a felony. Now that is a bad way to put something like that into law. If you are a 19-year-old individual and coming back from the Persian Gulf, and if you...if you tried to buy a gun, you'd also be guilty of a felony. So it is things like that that the bill needs a lot of extra work. I think by just going out and just talking about it isn't going to make it any better. I think we need to look at the whole issue, what's going to happen this year, what is going to happen back in Washington, if anything happens this year. There is a lot of people back there that think that nothing will happen this year