

and they are probably right. So I think we need to sit back, just take our time, and I will support the bracket, although I wish it would be until next year. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Crosby on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I will support the bracket motion. I didn't speak on this bill last week because I decided I would let those people who have guns, want guns, and so on, defend or lead the attack on 355 or LB 801. I did not vote to put LB 801 in 355 because I didn't see the point of that, but I want to just tell you why I put my name on LB 355 and its predecessor last year. When Brad Ashford came to me first, it sounded so good to me. From a personal point of view and as a member of society, what is wrong with trying to help people who don't need a gun and who shouldn't have a gun, to help them not get one? So for me, it was just so logical, and, initially, a year ago, when the gun bill was first introduced, all of my calls, so help me, at the beginning and my letters, I had good letters, were for handgun control. They were not against it, but then the people who think that it takes away their right to have a gun triggered their network, no pun intended, but that network is unbelievable. The Democrat Party, the Republican Party, anyone who has a network, could take lessons from that group on how to run a network. You are besieged...all of you have been besieged by calls from...that just say I am for LB 801, against 355. But I have had a lot of calls from good friends and people who do enjoy target practice. They are collectors of antique guns and so on. They trapshoot, that kind of thing. And when I talk to them, I try to get the feeling, I try to get their feelings about the handgun thing, but so many things have been told them, and so much misinformation has been given them, that they think this bill takes away all guns, that it takes away ownership of all guns. So from a personal point of view, I still don't see why we are so agitated about trying to control handguns. It seems to me that a person who, in the heat of anger or the depths of despair, goes to a gun shop and buys a handgun and goes back and either shoots a family member or a friend or themselves, takes their own lives, I don't see what is wrong with trying to help that kind of person, and that is what we are trying to do. So I will vote for the bracket motion. The other thing I am going to do, and I have told Senator Ashford I would do this, I am going to organize some kind of meeting in my district here in Lincoln,