

enforcement's ability to fight crime by bringing...by inserting a way to bring those records up-to-date. To make a long story short, and then we'll go into the details of the bill, if we don't do something in Nebraska, I think we all are pretty convinced now that the seven day waiting period, the Brady bill will most likely pass. And, if it does pass, the citizens of the State of Nebraska will...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...be waiting seven days to buy a handgun. This bill is a Nebraska alternative, as I said, three years ago, it still is a Nebraska alternative. And I urge this body to move this bill on to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Ashford. The next speaker will be Senator Schellpeper. But while he's proceeding to the microphone, I'd like to recognize a guest of Senator Kristensen and Senator Cudaback, under the north balcony, Justis Dobesh of Kearney. Justis, would you step forward and be recognized. Senator Schellpeper, you're next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I rise to support this amendment. I think Senator Ashford has made the comment that this is a...is better than the seven day waiting period, and it definitely is. This is kind of the best of both bills. We took LB 801 and put it into it. We took LB 355 and parts of that and put into it. I guess you can call it a Nebraska version rather than an NRA version, or a handgun control version. I don't think either side is happy with it, but it's something that will work in Nebraska. I still think the instant check was probably the best way to go, because I think when you...if our records in Nebraska would be complete, it's by far the best way to go. Our records, at the present time, are not complete. And they're only about 55 percent. They are going at about a 5 to 10 percent increase each year in getting computerized more. So the amendment states that on January 1, 1995 the instant check will take place, or when the state is 85 percent computerized. So if they're going at 5 to 10 percent, it's going to be January 1st, '95 before they would be probably computerized, unless we would put an awful lot of money. If we could put some state funds into the computerized system, they could do it sooner. I don't see that happen. Senator Ashford does not see that happening. Now this amendment also has some fees in it. There's a \$5 fee for any certificate