

and go out and do something again. So, again as I say, I'll probably vote for the amendment, which I understand will become the bill and, if it moves along. But I do want everyone to understand that I respect the people who are gun owners, who are responsible gun owners. And I think they have a lot of good points that they have brought up that their rights, and they feel very strongly about their rights to own those guns. So I think we have to be concerned about them, too, that we can't just look at one side of it. So I'll support the amendment and hope that by the time 1995 comes this will become much simpler process for those people who are responsible gun owners and who use them for sport and so on. So thank you very much.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I have participated very little in this debate. And I did so by my own design. I told both groups when both these bills, LB 855 and LB 801 were introduced, that I didn't support any plan. I really did not want to see any gun control legislation passed. But the dynamics of this issue have changed dramatically, primarily brought on by events in Washington, D.C. with the passage of the Brady bill, or the eminent passage of that bill and the fact that if we do nothing we are saddled with that bill, which I think more Nebraskans would oppose than support. And I comment Senator Ashford and Senator Schellpeper for the work that they have put into this issue where you've had two diametrically opposed sides to this issue have come together and have worked out a tentative agreement that I think this body can accept which treats this issue responsibly, recognizes the benefits or the merits of each proposal, and combines them. I'm still not real excited about gun control legislation, because I'm not convinced that any gun control legislation will keep handguns, or any firearms out of the hands of those who want to misuse those tools of destruction on other people. But, if it is eminent that we're going to do something in this area, it seems to me this plan that has been hashed out between the two sides should be supported by this body. I will be voting for it. And obviously I'm going to be like a lot of folks who have received an awful lot of calls and phone...or letters from my constituents saying, we don't want anything or, if we're going to have anything, we want the NRA plan. Well, I'm going to have to go back home and explain what happened here today. But I think when people find out about this compromise, hopefully,