

are purchased. So it does answer that. I know it's a tremendously significant part of the economy in our state are these gun shows. And we've tried to accommodate that interest. I believe it is...I believe it is accommodated, so...

SENATOR HARTNETT: All right, thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The next speaker will be Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of additional points. I didn't have an opportunity...I'm not going to go through the bill in long division, but I do want to bring out I know Senator Schellpeper has talked about the instant check portion of the bill. And I again really feel this to be a positive part of the bill, because it will encourage our State Patrol to bring their records up to date, which will help law enforcement and will help them in their duties of solving crimes. So I do support that part of it. I think that's a real plus to the bill and an added benefit to the bill. I'd also mention to those senators from Omaha that this piece of legislation does not impact Omaha. Omaha has had, for the last 50 years, a gun control measure which, since 1933, I believe, which will remain in full force and effect and will not be affected by it. It is a more restrictive piece of legislation than is this bill. It is a permit to purchase for each handgun purchase, but it is...it will still apply. And then the rest of the state, which has no other handgun legislation at the present time, or no other ordinance, will...will be, of course, this bill will apply to the other parts of the state. Just want to bring out a couple points of the bill that have not been talked about. One, there are exemptions in the bill, for example, antique guns are exempted, transfers of handguns between family members are exempted, licensed gun dealer, transfers between federally licensed gun dealers are exempted, and transfers or loaning of handguns is permitted between individuals who are using the guns together in line of sight of each other. Also another amendment which is part of the new 355 amendments, and one of the concerns in the rural areas that we've addressed in going around the state is what if we can't get to the law enforcement officer, it's too far away to renew our permit or our certificate. We've provided for a mail-in application process whereby individuals who live outside of the...not in close proximity to a law enforcement office can, and this is going to page 2 of the amendment, can go and obtain their permit