

or certificate by mail. Also, as I mentioned before, law enforcement has up to two days to make the check, as they do in the instant check system. But there must be specific reasons given for the denial, and law enforcement cannot arbitrarily retain these applications and not accept or deny them, it must act on them. Also, it is a felony, under this act, to give false information to law enforcement. It is a misdemeanor, however, for other violations of the act. Again, the salient point is with the intermeshing of the two bills that once the state is up to date, by 1995 or thereafter, in their record keeping, the instant check system can go into effect, it will go into effect under this legislation. The certificate to purchase system will be retained, so that an individual who has a certificate to purchase, who has obtained a certificate of purchase will be able to utilize that certificate at gun shows, for example, because if they don't have a certificate, under the legislation, a gun show purchase would have to have an instant check done. But if they have their certificate the instant check would not be necessary. So that is how the two systems mesh. The certificate to purchase system does not go away in 1995, or thereafter, but is retained and...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...is allowed to work in concert with the instant check system. Again, I guess in conclusion I won't talk again until, I guess until my own conclusion, but I've had this kind of experience, I guess, never in my five years in the Legislature, where you take what started out to be two absolutely opposing viewpoints on the issue of gun control that were at loggerheads, no gun control versus a seven-day waiting period, and then coming up with, thanks to Senator Chizek and the Judiciary Committee, and then of course Senator Schellpeper, who has shown a great deal of independence and courage in coming up with something that he felt strongly about, and I think the process has won out here and we have carved out something, at least it was my original intention to do, which was to carve out a Nebraska alternative to the issue of gun control. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We'll go to Senator Moore, but before we do I'd like to recognize some guests of Senator Chizek that are in the south balcony. He has 36 fourth graders from Loveland School in Omaha with their teachers. Would they stand and be recognized, please. And also in the south balcony we have guests of Senator Abboud. We have