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SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Peterson, let me just tell you this, I'm never going to introduce another piece of handgun legislation. (Laughter.) It will be over my dead body, which maybe a lot of people would like.

SENATOR PETERSON: I'm glad to have that on the record, Senator Ashford. If they came to...

SENATOR ASHFORD: That doesn't mean I'll never vote for...vote for it, but I'm certainly not going to introduce it.

SENATOR PETERSON: I had a couple other questions. If they came to you to mandate that privately owned guns be kept in a private...in a public arsenal for safe keeping, so you're saying you would not introduce that either.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's pretty...that's absolutely correct, Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Or restrictions on the number of guns owned by anybody.

SENATOR ASHFORD: None of that.

SENATOR PETERSON: None of that. I'm glad to have you on the record. (Microphone momentarily turned off.) ...Brady bill in Washington, the framers of our Constitution knew what gun control was about, as far as I'm concerned. They believed that owning a gun, like publishing a newspaper, which can impose as much of a social cost as gun ownership, depending on what it prints, was a fundamental liberty. I think the Brady bill, like other federal gun control laws, transgresses the Constitution. And it may be true that the Brady bill doesn't outlaw guns, but everyone knows that the gun control crowd admits a goal is to disarm private citizens. And it's stated by many of the people that support the Brady bill. The truth is that the Brady bill will do nothing to stop handgun crime, and much to aggravate, inconvenience, and trample the rights of law abiding citizens. Interestingly, the state with the longest waiting period, California, was the state where Patrick Purdy, who used a semiautomatic rifle to gun down school yard children, purchased a firearm legally, so did the Asian gang and so on. The large majority of felons do not obtain their firearms from licensed