

day waiting period", once those were gone, other buzz words like "registration" were gone, a lot of those individuals when I sat down with them and we talked about exactly what was in the bill they said, you know, I really don't have any problem with that, particularly knowing that there is potential federal legislation hanging over their heads. So I think that the amendment that we arrived at that was adopted this morning is a good compromise, establishes a system that is not injurious to the rights of anyone desiring to own a handgun, that, in fact, provides a modicum of checks against that person to make sure that we aren't allowing an individual to purchase a license to buy a handgun that we may not want to have buy a handgun and I think it's simply an amendment that has become a good compromise on the issue. I would urge your support for the advancement of the amended LB 355. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Will. Now Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, this will not reduce crime by handguns. LB 355 will not keep guns out of the hands of criminals. And what LB 355, in its amended form, will do will be to license law abiding citizens who will go every three years or possibly extended to four years to get a license to buy a gun. I opposed both LB 801 and LB 355 in Judiciary Committee but I appreciate Senator Ashford's willingness to work on LB 355 and change it. LB 355 now is a lot different from the original. And I'm going to support LB 355 and I wanted to say now that it is amended it is different and there is a public out there that wants to make a difference in our crime pattern. I'm not sure that we can promise them that with this bill. But if it proves effective in deterring one person from suicide or keeping a gun out of an emotional or mentally ill person in a...in keeping a handgun tragedy, if it keeps one of those or more then by having this kind of system it is worth it. And I am going to support the amended LB 355 and I'm glad that Senator Schellpeper also has been cooperative in reaching an agreement and I do plan to support the advancement.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator. Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Call the question.

SENATOR CONWAY: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question to the body is, shall debate cease? We are