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LB 355, 801

voting on ceasing debate. Has everyone voted? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate has now ceased. We will go to Senator Ashford for closing.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. I start out, I think, by giving Senator Schellpeper some time to give his comments and then I will close.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Senator Ashford. I think I just want to make a short comment. The bill that we're working on right now is not LB 355, it's LB 355-801, if there is such a thing. We really have both bills into one bill. So we really have...we start out with the Ashford bill until January 1, 1985 (sic) or when the records are 85 percent computerized and then we go to the instant check, LB 801. So this bill should really be LB 355-801. Thank you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Chambers would like one second, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Five seconds. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, since we're naming this bill, I think it ought to be called "355 Magnum". (Laughter.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate this body's attention to this issue over the past three years. I thank you for that. I, again, thank Senator Schellpeper for his keeping this debate on a high level throughout and then coming together with us to create a what I think is a workable compromise on the issue of gun control in Nebraska. You know, as I went out throughout the State of Nebraska, I was convinced of one thing. First of all, we have an incredibly beautiful state and I was commenting to somebody that all urban senators, Omaha senators, should be required at least once every two years to go out to western Nebraska and to talk to people about their state government and how we, in Omaha, view them and how they view us. And it was really a great experience for me. I can tell you that just like Omaha when I walk into these rooms with