

easier for all the law abiding consumers in the State of Nebraska that happen to purchase guns, it just makes a little more sense. And so, with that, I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. I respectfully rise to oppose the Senator Scott Moore amendment. This issue of how many years the certificate should be good for has been tossed around for a long time. My original bill called for a one-year certificate and then, after some discussions with Senator Schellpeper, we arrived at the figure of three years. There is no magic number of years and I don't think this probably takes a whole lot of debate except for me to tell you that we have made a lot of concessions in this bill already, one in this area, in this particular area of how the permit is acquired. We have made some compromises and I think they have been solid ones. One is to allow for an individual to write in or request by mail the certificate, once it runs out, or even the initial certificate. And the other...the whole idea of having the certificate itself for a period of time, not for each gun or weapon, was, you know, was one of the basic compromises that Senator Schellpeper, Senator Chizek and I and all of those of us who have been involved in this came up with. You can all decide for yourselves whether...there's no magic about four years and the driver's license because, obviously, an individual obtains a permit for a firearm, whenever he or she does that, there...it doesn't necessarily fall on the date of the driver's license or the birth date. So it's not intended to be that. So I really think three years is more than what I originally proposed, certainly, and Senator Schellpeper and I have agreed on the three years after a lot of discussion back and forth and that discussion entered into a lot of the other terms and conditions of this legislation. So I hope we can keep this intact now and move this bill with the three years. I understand Senator Moore's interest in attempting to make this consistent with driver's license but I don't see any particular consistency other than the fact that driver's licenses are every four years, there's no magic in the time and I think it...you know, I hope the body will just keep our...our compromise intact because it was hard fought and it took into consideration an awful lot of concerns on both sides of the handgun control people and the NRA people and the gun owners. So I certainly would hope that we could keep it intact and go with the three