

would come out of the funds that were being generated for the State Patrol to do the computer update. And the connection or the nexus goes back to the whole debate about gun control that we have been through in the last three years and that is when you have a permit to purchase system Senator Schellpeper and others wanted to also have an instant check system in place and in order to update the records to have an instant check system in place that it would need a significant appropriation of funds to do that and that is what Senator Schellpeper's bill does. And, Senator Kristensen, this amendment has been on this bill for a significant period of time and it was put on this bill for a very specific purpose and that is that there is a tie-in, direct tie-in between the money that is being appropriated to the State Patrol and guns...and gun safety, because the money that is going to be used by the State Patrol will be used for record checks that will ensure that people who are buying handguns are not felons and are able to legally purchase handguns. The gun safety or the gun education money, there are obviously...or it seems to me that there is a nexus, a very logical nexus between those two things and, certainly, Senator Schellpeper and I, throughout this whole session felt that there was a nexus and addressed the problems jointly, together. Also, possibly Senator Kristensen would be correct if this were a General Fund appropriation but it is our intent that this would come out of those State Patrol funds and there may...we may have to make somewhat of an amendment on our A bill amendment to do that. But that's the nexus. Certainly, philosophically, there is a very clear nexus in connection that dates back to a debate that's been going on in this body for three years on the issue of reasonable, responsible gun ownership in our state and gun education is an absolute necess...an absolutely necessary component of that and there is a direct nexus between the State Patrol money used for that purpose and gun education. And, with that, I would think it's very, very germane to the issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Kristensen, I will rule that the amendment is not germane. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I challenge.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a motion to overrule the Chair. I will remind the senators that they can address the issue only once. Senator Ashford, would you like to proceed?