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SENATOR MINES: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Mines, have you ever bought a pistol in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR MINES: I have not, no.

SENATOR TYSON: Do you know how you would buy a pistol in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR MINES: With a check?

SENATOR TYSON: That helps. That's part...that's an integral part of the process.

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, I would go to a local gun store, I presume, and fill out an application and wait a certain amount of time and then buy the gun.

SENATOR TYSON: Wrong, wrong, wrong.

SENATOR MINES: Okay.

SENATOR TYSON: Let me explain. Thank you, Senator Mines. Let me explain what you have to do to buy a pistol in the state of Nebraska. First of all, as Senator Mines pointed out, you have to have the money. Aurum non olet--gold doesn't stink--and that's what greases the transaction. You fill out a 4473. After you've picked out the gun that you want, you fill out what is called a BATF Form 4473.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: Under penalty of law, you answer the questions there. You identify yourself. You come up with several forms of identification for the firearms dealer, but you still don't get the gun. What you have to do is you either go to the police department and apply for and pay for and wait for one of these and...handgun purchase certificate. Now this one happens to expire June the 7th, 2003, so I have to renew it. It's the third or fourth one that I've had. But to get this, I have to