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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Wesely is next on the list. I don't see Senator Wesely in here right now. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I have listened to the debate this morning and I think we have had some good debate and maybe not such good debate on this issue. But I listened with interest to the comments about the gun control legislation not working and its inability to be successful and working in the City of Omaha. Well, one of the reasons it doesn't work in the City of Omaha is because we don't have uniformity across the State of Nebraska, and when you can leave the city limits of Omaha and go and purchase a handgun with no registration, no background check, no permit, no certification, whatever you want to call it, it's awful easy to have handguns in your community. And we have a lot of handguns in the City of Omaha. And people are accurate when they say that criminals are not going to abide by this law. But it seems that we ought to look at what's reasonable. Is it reasonable for someone to be able to go into a gun shop, regardless of their background, regardless of their capability and their mental state, and to go into that place and walk out two minutes later with a handgun, with a gun that can wreak destruction on a community, on a family, on a society? To me, it doesn't seem reasonable. I have heard from people in my district concerned about the issue of registration and I think it's a legitimate concern. We may not want the government to know where all the guns are. History may tell us that that's not a good thing to do. The bill, as it's currently written, there is no registration of handguns. It simply goes to the issue of reasonableness, that is you ought to have some certification when someone goes into a shop and wants to arm themselves. We don't want people who are not