

been going through, being the victim of...the target of some of their radio ads, I understand his frustration. On the other hand, I think the body needs to think a little bit, even though...I certainly agree with Senator Ashford's problems with NRA forcing some things on the Nebraska Legislature. But nevertheless, they're not all wrong, they're not all bad guys either. I tend to agree with the NRA on some aspects of things, particularly when it comes to when you talk about gun control and the whole issue. I always kind of get a kick out of the gun control advocates. They basically make it sound like the second amendment is obsolete, and if we really had our way we ought to just repeal the whole thing, of our federal con...the Bill of Rights. You know, the...200 years ago they didn't...they weren't thinking...they weren't thinking of handguns and AK-47's, and things like that, and that's absolutely right, I agree with that. But on the other hand, you look at all the other major constitutional questions of the day, whether it be Miranda rights, or prison overcrowding, abortion, or Brown v. The Board of Education, and all those things, I mean, if you were looking at the Constitution, none of those things that are now protected under the Constitution are near as clear as the Second Amendment is. I mean the Second Amendment makes it very clear that you can own a gun. In many ways you can own a gun, you can't purchase a gun, and I don't think that the gun control advocates, in general, often or...take a very liberal and expansive point of view on the Constitution on some issues, but tend to look at the Second Amendment like it's obsolete and it should be thrown out. I certainly have to disagree with that. Though in many ways that argument is kind of moot, because I don't think even the bill as amended really steps on that issue with the Chizek amendment. I mean that's...I don't think it really talks about limiting a constitutional right anyway. But, nevertheless, if Senator Ashford wants to beat on the NRA, I think you have to remember those people are only trying to offset another strong lobby on the other side that is saying, hey, in many ways, this is not Senator Ashford, many people on the handgun control side, if they really had their way they would have very limited purchase of guns. I mean there are many people out there that would like to have total limitations on guns. I think that's very wrong myself. So you need a balance there. NRA serves that purpose. I think the one thing that is important, as you will remember last year when this Legislature dealt with this issue and Senator Ashford so diligently brought it back this year, many members of the Legislature said, NRA, you can't just say no to everything, you gotta do something. I