

misdeemeanor if a gun dealer does not post the notice and give out the information. And what a Class V misdemeanor is is up to a \$50 fine, doesn't involve any jail time. But there, obviously, has to be some kind of provision to ensure that these gun dealers will follow through with this. But I'm sure that they will, at least the information I get from New Mexico is that they will cooperate; they will, in fact, take a pro-active stance and help. And it may also be a precursor for further gun education, which is, obviously, a problem. So what are the problems? One, kids are getting guns at a much greater rate than they ever have before; two, guns are found in schools; three, guns are not only being...not only do children have access to guns, but they're using guns on themselves and others. Hopefully, this is the first step to getting...making...heightening the awareness level. The other bill, which I, obviously, tried to run a couple of times earlier this year, that requires that gun owners lock up their guns, I'm not going to run it. It, obviously, doesn't have the...well, it, obviously, had 27 votes at one time, but three times is too many to run it this late in the session, too many times to run that bill. But...but I think this is a good, solid step, and I would urge your adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'd like to ask Senator Ashford some questions, if I might.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator, we had agreed to an amendment, with everyone involved, to LB 627. Is there some reason that you're not running that amendment instead of this one?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I didn't know whether we were going to get to 627, I guess.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But can't we just take that amendment and run that on 117 instead of this one?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I think this is more comprehensive, Senator Schellpeper. It...it deals specifically with the information, and it creates a fund for the NRA to put money into, which is what, it was my understanding, they were willing