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Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee members. I'm Stan Olsen with LV Metro Police and the Nevada Sheriff's and Chief's Association.

I'd like to thank Senator McGinnis for his concerns about illegal firearms and helping us bring this bill to you today.

This bill encompasses 4 major areas.

Section 1 addresses straw purchasers. Straw purchases are those people who can pass mandatory criminal background checks who knowingly receive or purchase the firearm for the purpose of transferring it to a prohibited person, a person who could not pass a background for criminal reasons or being illegally in the United States.

The second major part of this bill allows for the prosecution of those individuals who destroy, obliterate or alter serial numbers on a firearm. In the past prosecution was difficult unless you could prove the person in possession actually altered the number.

The third major portion makes it a felony to illegally carry a concealed weapon, possess a machine gun or a silencer.

The forth and final major area expands those persons that cannot possess a firearm. Those added include;

- ◆ Fugitives
- ◆ Narcotic addicts
- ◆ Those adjudicated mentally ill
- ◆ Those illegally in the United States

The intent here is to mirror much of federal law so Nevada law enforcement can enforce illegal firearms laws without having to rely on federal involvement or oversight.