

Crime - Guns/Pawnshops

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Before the House gun bill died, the House passed a Rep. Sessions amendment 247-181 to require background checks at pawnshops only for gun redemptions over one year old. This weakens current law since all redemptions at pawnshops (regardless of how long it takes before the owner redeems his/her gun) are now subject to background checks. The pawnshop loophole which exempted all redemptions from background checks sunsetted when the permanent provisions of Brady took effect last November.

I hear that some members felt burned after voting for Sessions since they were not aware of current law and thought they were voting for an affirmative background check at pawnshops as opposed to a weakening of current checks. The Dingell amendment was silent on pawnshops.

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