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Brady Bill Resolution Moves to House

Resolution to Protect the Privacy of Law Abiding Citizens Passes Senate

The privacy of law-abiding citizens received a boost Monday with the unanimous Senate vote on [Senate Joint Resolution 5](#).

SJR 5 urges the President and Congress to ensure that federal agencies do not retain records of legitimate firearm owners. The United States Congress passed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act in 1993 to prevent individuals with criminal backgrounds from obtaining firearms. The original bill clearly stated that records of those who can lawfully own a firearm would be destroyed immediately.

“The Clinton administration’s novel interpretation of the Brady bill authorized federal agencies, such as the FBI, to database any American that files for gun ownership,” said resolution sponsor Sen. Tom Wagoner (R-Kenai/Soldotna). “This is a violation of both the letter and spirit of the original Act and an abhorrent privacy invasion of law abiding Americans.”

With SJR 5 now moving to the House of Representatives, Sen. Wagoner says he is confident that House members will join him, and the rest of the Senate, in sending this message to our nation’s capital.

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