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are we going with it? I don't like where we're going but, unfortunately, some very...very unfortunate things that have happened around the country, I think we have to protect our consumers, and I think that's where we are coming from here. And I will yield to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Byars, as I was looking at this, I looked back in the statutes to see what they checked for. That is, if a misdemeanor came up or a felony came up that was somewhere in somebody's past, that's what they checked for, apparently, the Real Estate Commission. And on the basis of a felony or misdemeanor appearing in somebody's past, on that basis alone they can reject an application. The curious thing about that particular statute is that there was no time line on it. I mean a misdemeanor event of 10 or 15 or 20 years ago could be the sole basis for somebody not getting a real estate license. Would you see any value in, if we're going to fingerprint everybody and highlight the importance of this particular area, would you see any value in going back and taking a look at that criteria and seeing if maybe it might not be too harsh in a couple of respects? Would you be open to that?

SENATOR BYARS: Absolutely. I think that every individual sometime in their life, and hopefully not everybody, but they could have been in a circumstance where they have committed a misdemeanor for whatever reason and still be...have integrity, still be honest, still be able to become professional in the future. So, yes, I'm not the least bit afraid of visiting that, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars and Senator Beutler. Senator Byars, you have about a minute and a half left.

SENATOR BYARS: I yield my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Byars,