

March 12, 1991 LB 200

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, Senator Smith, if I may, I think there is one other matter here that perhaps people should think about and I don't know whether we want to do it one way or the other, but there is something to be said for being consistent. The Education Committee advanced a bill to the floor dealing with teachers and the fingerprinting of teachers and, in doing so, a compromise was reached whereby already existing teachers, those who were already teaching in the system were not fingerprinted. And under this bill, as I understand it, you're fingerprinting both those who already have licenses as well as those coming into the system in the future. I might just ask whether there was much discussion on that distinction and whether you are adverse to leaving out those who are already licensed. You know, the Legislature is going to have to think about this and in the light of two or probably more bills down the line, but the issue now becomes raised for the first time.

SENATOR SMITH: Would you like to have me respond to that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you. I'll be glad to do that. In fact, that would be something, and I thank you for making us think about this. I wasn't aware about the teachers' fingerprinting bill. When Senator Hall and I sit down and work on the, I'm sure, the proposed amendment that he is going to be bringing on fingerprinting, we'll certainly take that into consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing?

SENATOR SMITH: No.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 200. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 200.