

And I don't take any offense at the fact that he is trying to address it at all. The only thing is that I will...I do not want to remove the entire section on fingerprinting because the main purpose of this section of the bill is to keep felons from obtaining a license or being a part of the racing industry in Nebraska, those with criminal records, from being...in other words, precluding them from being a part of the racing industry. We want to keep the industry clean in Nebraska and I want to make very clear, applicants for liquor licenses and charitable gaming licenses must already meet a similar requirement. This is not opening the door to anything new as far as any kind of gambling activity is concerned. If we consider the horse racing industry to be gambling, which I do by the way, then it's only reasonable I believe that they should be included as far as the ability for licensee's to be fingerprinted. Now, what I want to say and I want to make it really clear is that I will oppose this amendment as such because it strikes the whole of the second part of the bill which takes away all fingerprinting requirements. I would support the inclusion of the commission, those so-called white-collar workers that I think he is talking about or white-collared persons, and if he can show me that in one of his future amendments that that's what he is planning to do, I'll be supportive of that. At this point though, I want to make it really clear what you're doing is removing the same ability that we already have for gambling in Nebraska as far as charitable gaming is concerned and as far as liquor licensee's are concerned. It puts them all in the same, if you want to call it that, on the same level...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...if we retain this section. So with that, I want to make sure that you know I'm opposing this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Further discussion, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, at first I wasn't even going to mention this and I know that we select different groups and different people and so on and Senator Hall is very sincere in his argument and concerns, but we also have a bill coming down the pipeline that would fingerprint school teachers so we're not just necessarily picking out, and this was brought to us and in support of the education of the Omaha school district, that they