

employees. And I never asked what the reasons were excepting that it certainly is needed and that's all I can offer to you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the Beutler amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would just mention once again all this amendment does is it says with regard to the fingerprinting, those who are already employees, those who are already licensed don't have to be fingerprinted. And the rationale for that is simply there is no need to fingerprint them. They've been working with these people year after year, there's simply no need to fingerprint them. In addition to that, I would argue, and the reason that I take an interest in this sort of question is that you ought to give people who are in this situation some kind of notice of what their...what the requirements for the job are. If you have to go through fingerprinting, fine, but you ought to know that that's the case. And, most of all, I think we ought to treat all people consistently. There is a bill that's coming through this Legislature, it's come through the Education Committee of which I'm a member already, which asks that all of the teachers in the Omaha public school system be fingerprinted. But it doesn't say existing teachers. It says all those who will become teachers in the future. And so they're making a distinction. They will ask you, when that comes before you, to make the distinction between existing Omaha public school teachers and those who will be employed in the future. And it seems to me that even though these stable boys or whatever are in a profession that we all...not all of us but a lot of us look at as kind of shaky, that it is a legal profession and that they say have the same right to notice and they ought to be treated the same as far as fingerprinting and those kinds of things are concerned. And so I just want to bring this to your attention now and give you the opportunity to make that distinction between those who are already employed and those who are not already employed because in this one session, and I'm sure in the future, in future years, the same question will be before us. I think it's nice if we...it kind of preserves the element of justice and things if we treat these different professional groups the same. Now Senator Warrar indicated that these things should have been ironed out at the public hearing. You and I don't see bills, of course, oftentimes unless they come through our committees and until long after the public hearing. This amendment is on my