

ways they are very difficult and if someone comes in from another state, that person maybe hasn't ever had any trouble, hasn't ever...or if he or she was involved with a child or with a faculty member or whatever, that doesn't always come to light. So adding the burden of criminal investigation, background investigations and fingerprinting and so on to the school districts, to me, is a real burden and so I'd like you to look at this amendment. Are we getting it passed? Look at this amendment and discuss it as far as the entire, in connection with the entire bill and I will come back then when I bring the second one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Crosby amendment. Senator Hall. Senator Ashford. Senator Hefner. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Crosby, I'm at kind of a quandary on your amendment. I guess I should preface my remarks, as I was talking over the interim with some people and we were talking about bills in general and which one I felt was maybe the best bill I've ever seen or which one, you know, was the most intriguing politically, as it went through and, of course, which one was the worst you'd ever seen. When I was on the Government Committee for two years in a row this bill came before the committee and, quite honestly, we had a difficult time stopping from laughing when the bill came before the committee. It never got anywhere beyond that. They switched committees and apparently they took it seriously and passed it. This hit my all-time worst list of the worst bill I've ever seen in my entire life. So, consequently, I have a difficult time in figuring out what I want to do with your amendment because, technically, if we go with the philosophy of the bill, your amendment should be agreed to. But, quite honestly, I'm absolutely 100 percent against this type of legislation so I would also technically have to be against the amendment at the same time. So I'm in a quandary about the amendment, but I want to talk about the bill. I think that would, in essence, get to the amendment anyway. Senator Dierks, would you answer some questions for me? I notice you're the key introducer of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, sir.