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PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: They are the ones that hire the noncertified employees.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Now recognize Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. First of all, Senator Dierks, I don't think this is the worst bill, by any stretch of the imagination, that we've had. I've had a number of worse ones, I'm sure, and as Senator Haberman will attest, but...and I've got a few more that are just as bad, but I would just add...I think...first of all, from now on I'm going to state for the record when I run into a bill where there is one side is an identifiable lobby and the other side is another identifiable lobby and in this case we have the teachers' union on one side and the school boards on the other side so those are the two groups that have talked to me and one takes one side and the other takes the other side and then in the middle we have this bill and...but be that as it may, I think that what Senator Dierks is trying to do is laudable. I have some concerns about the bill itself and...a couple of them. One is that I think we are creating an immense bureaucracy over this bill. We are...first of all, let me ask a couple of questions, Senator Dierks, so I fully understand. Today, can an individual applicant for a job in a school be asked the question, have you been convicted of a felony involving minor children? Can they ask that question?

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, I think they probably can, but I wonder if it's...

SENATOR ASHFORD: They probably can ask the question and can they get...for example, are they able...can they go out now and check to determine whether or not the information that is provided on an application for employment, can they go out...can the school district check that information through the various means, law enforcement means?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, they can check it but I don't think they