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way of ensuring that people with very questionable backgrounds aren't hired by the school system and, I guess, if you have anything else to respond, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, only that I believe that with the bill we provide the opportunity...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...to do these checks that you talk about and I find that the fingerprint thing is not as onerous as many other people do. I don't think that that indicates that you're a criminal or that you are suspected of being one or might be one some day. I think that this is just part of our system. I've gone through a fingerprint check a number of times, I went through it for top secret clearance when I was in the Air Force. I didn't particularly feel threatened and I don't think that most people who are fingerprinted feel threatened. I think if that's the case, it is because someone else told them that they should be but there is nothing wrong with that. It is a simple method of providing identification. I guess that the thing that I'm concerned about, Senator DiAnna Schimek, Senator, that we can't afford to allow even one incident of child sexual abuse, and as far as the amount of dollars that we're costing or whatever bureaucracy we're going to set up, which I don't think is all that much,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...I don't believe that we actually...I think we can afford that if we can excuse one abuse.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Dierks, if you would yield to a couple of questions I have about the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: I will.

SENATOR HORGAN: One, Senator, is that the question of the process that this would go through, I mean, say you have a young person, 22 years old, just graduating from the university with a teaching degree, applies for their certificate, can you give me some sense of what process it is that they go through? I mean, if I'm sending out applications to 10 or 20 different school