

SPEAKER BAACK: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Ashford. Senator Ashford would move to amend by, on line 1, Section 1 of the bill, striking the word "teaching".

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Very briefly, and should this amendment pass there would have to be some additional changes made to 522 because the word "teacher" is mentioned in several other places, I guess, in the bill, but my...without going into long division about this, it appears as if, from what I've heard from talking to people and listening to the debate is that there is a...and I am persuaded that there is a need to do checks on bus drivers and other noncertified teachers and it appears as if there is such opposition to the provisions dealing with teachers at this point in time that it is probably prudent and good public policy to put into place, though I still think we have to work on some of the other language in 522, this bill or the provisions of this bill as they related to nonteacher employees. It would substantially reduce the cost of the bill. It would put the program into place, but I would...I sense that the opposition at this point to including teachers is such that the bill would fail, in all probability, or may very well fail, and it's, to me at least, I am persuaded that there is a need, an immediate need, to deal with some of the non...certain of the noncertified teacher employees. So, for that reason, I am moving that we exclude teachers from the bill for this year and then maybe take a look at it again some other time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the amendment by Senator Ashford. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. My comments, I guess, aren't directed specifically to the amendment, but rather, I guess, to all of the amendments that have been offered and my position on the bill itself, and that is that we've been driving at whether teachers should or should not be subjected to criminal investigation or criminal history investigations, and that isn't what bothers me about the bill. We are...when you're dealing with teachers, we're dealing with someone that unquestionably has continual contact with children, and