

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, I meant to identify the differences between the amendment that I had pulled and the current amendment that we are dealing with. Basically, the amendment that we are dealing with now just says "any person for whom a criminal history record"...I am sorry, let me go over that. If the criminal history record information report requires the fingerprinting of a teaching or nonteaching employee, contractor, licensee, or certificate holder, notwithstanding sections 1 through 9, no criminal history record information report shall be required for employment, licensure, or certification of any person subject to these sections. Under no circumstances shall submission of or the taking of fingerprints of the applicant be required as a predicate to employment. That's the difference between the two amendments. Frankly, if there is no waiver granted, there is no bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chizek. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this amendment. I think this eliminates the onus of the requirements that the teachers union was concerned about, and I want to tell you that I have two teachers in my family. They were not completely opposed to the original bill and, indeed, I think that all teachers are concerned about their colleagues and who is teaching the children along with them. So I support this amendment which, hopefully, will eliminate any fears of others, and support LB 522.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chizek, I'd just like to ask some questions to clarify in my mind exactly what we have before us. If I, number one, if I'm to understand correctly, if there is a policy, whether it be at the FBI or state policy, that would require fingerprinting for the background check, there would be no check, this bill would not be in existence, would not be enacted, is that correct?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chizek, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: It would be enacted, but it wouldn't have any effect because they couldn't get (interruption).