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SENATOR SCHIMEK: They don't have to drive to Lincoln or Omaha or somewhere like that to...

SENATOR DIERKS: No, go to the county sheriff and, really, I think that there is a larger turnover rate in western Nebraska than Senator Bernard-Stevens would indicate. We do have a pretty large turnover out there.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, what kind of a caseload does the FBI have now as far as doing background checks? Now I know there are about 20,000 teachers in the State of Nebraska, somewhere in that vicinity, and, obviously, they are not all going to turn over in one year, but in a space of ten years or 15 years, you are going to have a large number of those teachers maybe being replaced, and if we get to the point that Senator Horgan mentioned where we are starting to ask doctors and pediatricians and priests and anybody else who deals with young people to do this too, how can the FBI handle that kind of thing, what does that do to their situation?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, at this point, I think they have a time lag of somewhere between six weeks and two months, but I am sure that you understand that with electronic computers and so forth, that that will be reduced a great deal because it will be much easier to access, and in two or three years time, I am sure it will be just a matter of hours.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: They have a time lag of two to six months?

SENATOR DIERKS: Six weeks to two months.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So that means if you are a teacher looking for a job in July and you have to go through a background check, that that information might not even get to the school system before the school year begins.

SENATOR DIERKS: There is a provision there for a provisional certificate.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Provisional certificate.

SENATOR DIERKS: Provisional contract, I am sorry.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Okay, I guess that is all the questions I have. Thank you very much.