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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and that is correct.

SENATOR HORGAN: I mean as I understand it that's correct and that's what goes on in many cases throughout the state. School districts run those types of checks routinely on employees, particularly their teachers to make sure that there is no negative background information out there. So if that is currently occurring and our opposition, at least my opposition was to this fingerprint issue, that we are going to require teachers to go in and be fingerprinted, which has a taint to it, and we take that out with the understanding that this bill goes nowhere unless you can effectively get access to the FBI files without the fingerprints and it appears we're all in agreement with that, then what this bill does then is allow for a national check so that on your resume if you don't say you also happened to spend a little bit of time in California and something occurred in California that you're trying to hide but there is no record of you ever being employed in California or going to school in California, access to the FBI files will allow that type of national background check. My question to you, Senator, then is what's the problem? We're doing the same basic kind of check. We're either contacting local police departments, we're contacting the FBI. The FBI can do a national background check. Local police departments can only do background checks of where you've told the school district you've been. I'd be interested in knowing what your opposition to that is. How much time is remaining, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BAACK: About two and a half minutes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, how much time would you like to have left?

SENATOR HORGAN: You can have a minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Senator, the major problem I have I stated on the floor is a more philosophical problem of having to prove innocence for what we know is certainly a worthy cause and I don't enjoy us very slowly peeling away at the fundamental rights that we all live and enjoy and I view this as a very minute but beginning of an invasion of that. That's number one. That's philosophical. Number two, you mentioned yourself that if the only thing we can do is acquire the...go to the national computers for a check, you've raised the exact point that I've been raising and I appreciate that. The fact is