

whatnot are being certified and placed in the schools to give education to our children, perhaps at that time we should consider legislation but it should be directed toward those who do the screening, not creating the presumption that everybody who applies for the job is going to fit into one of these pigeonholes as a criminal, pervert or whatnot. I'm asking just one change. That is on page 1 in line 9 we strike the word "may" and insert the word "shall". That way all children are protected. Either we want to protect the children or we do not. If this bill is a political statement, it does not deserve to be on the books. If a majority of the legislators, on the other hand, believe that legislation of this kind is essential for the protection and well-being of our children in schools whether they be public or private, make it mandatory, and that's all that my amendment does. Freedom for everybody, freedom for nobody; oppression for everybody, oppression for nobody; protection for all children, protection for no children.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, do you want to speak on the Chambers amendment? Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Chambers amendment. Senator Robinson, on the Chambers amendment. Senator Ashford. Senator Cudaback. Well, Senator Chambers, that leaves you. Do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and, Mr. President, I think there is not a lot of discussion because the rationality and appropriateness of the amendment is appreciated and I'm going to state it again in 30 seconds or less. This amendment would say that if you're going to have criminal background checks on those who are seeking to be teachers, the Legislature should impose that policy in the legislation. Don't leave a set of circumstances where it can be discriminatorily applied around the state. Because if you do have these criminals and perverts and wily seekers after our young children, they are going to be savvy and wily enough to find those districts where this is not required, they will gravitate to those areas and those areas only will be inundated by these kind of perverts and criminals, so I ask that you adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Per Senator Chambers' closing on his amendment we will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Chambers amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We're voting on the