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background check. If I move to Nebraska and wanted to teach, how long could I...would I have to stay in Nebraska...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...before I would not have to be fingerprinted?

SENATOR HILGERT: From what I understand of your question, you'd have to be in Nebraska five years.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, so if I have a background and I've reformed and I've gone through my payment and punishments, and I've done all of the changes I need to do personally, all I really need to do is move to Nebraska, if I want to live here, stay here five years in some other type of job, and then I can apply and I avoid the whole thing, don't I? I won't be fingerprinted, will I?

SENATOR HILGERT: No, under that type of situation.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So what kind of bill is it that we try to tell people that we're going to fingerprint and catch all these people when in the bill itself you have a five year thing that all they know they have to do is stay here five years and it will never happen to any of them, it will never happen to any of them. And how many of you know that when you go and you apply for a job and they ask, have you been convicted of any particular crime? Do you not think they know what...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...the law will be and what they'll have to do?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before continuing with our next speaker, I would like to call the Legislature's attention again to under the north balcony. We have a distinguished visitor, our Congressman from the First District, Doug Bereuter. Doug, would you stand out so we could welcome you. Thank you. I forgot to mention he's also a former member of the Unicameral. Our next speaker on the committee amendment, Senator Witek.