

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the body. I just want to tell you about a conversation that I had with Senator Bohlke on a bill of mine last year. I called it the "mind your own business" bill. And it was a bill that students that were registering at the University of Nebraska, when they got their registration packet they were given a survey with maybe 100 questions on it, asking all kinds of personal questions about their drinking habits, and their...if they had done any drugs, and had they driven in...you know, drive and drink, all these personal questions. And the funny part was, or the bad part was, that I tried to do was on the first page of this survey they had their name, their address and their social security number, and all this information went to a data bank in California. And this bank has been taking this information for like 20 years from Nebraska students and supposedly using it for some of these, you know, you'll see these survey results and research grants and things of that nature. But my point was, in talking to Senator Bohlke about this at the time, you know we'd been trying for years to get a criminal background check bill out of Education. And I said in a very short period of time, I don't know how long exactly, it's going to be moot, it's going to be a moot point because there are other ways to get this type of information and they are all being put into banks of some sort, or on some kind of accessible electronic airwave that's out there, and you'll be able to, businesses will be able to print up, you know, some kind of number and you'll get some kind of a record on someone, and you'll have, in my opinion, some of the information from your youth behavioral surveys on it, some of the information from your registration for college on it, all kinds of different recordkeeping information that has been at different areas that could, anyone, entrepreneur or whatever, could go to someplace and keep all that in some kind of a banking...some kind of data bank and then release that information for a fee or whatever. So my point in saying that this bill, as we argue it this morning, you can argue it whichever way you want to about the necessity of it, which I believe there is and I will be voting for this bill, and I've always been a very strong supporter of doing something like this. But my point is to say that in a very short period of time this type of information, we've got AFIS now, we've got, you know, the fingerprint background checks, we've got, you know, juvenile records, we've got records from...we've talked about even in as the sex offender registration, a lot of recordkeeping is going on. And all over the United States