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Government Committee will take up that in an interim study. But we should be aware of it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Schimek, on the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in support of the committee amendments and in support of LB 754. I would like to say that I'm standing in support of the concept of both. And, David Bernard-Stevens, you may have some...you may have some points here that need discussion, there may be some things that we need to consider changing. But I suspect that even if we change some of these things, you're still not going to be in favor of this bill, and I just want to make that clear. I think that your opposition is not with the particular provisions, but really against the whole concept of the bill. And I sympathize with you. I even...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, let me... (Gavel)... I guess it's because we've all warmed up this morning and the temperature has warmed up, but the noise level is really high. Go ahead, Senator Schimek, I just wanted you to be able to be heard.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. And I sympathize with you, Senator David Bernard-Stevens, I even agree with you, to some extent. And I had the same reservations you've had for a long time. But I have begun to believe that if we want some security for our young people that we have to do something like this. And I might point out that a number of school systems already do the criminal checks. So it's not something revolutionary or something that we've not ever done or considered before. Secondly, I'd like to say that I do agree with Senator Witek that some of this may be, may be moot within a few years, that there's a lot of information out there. And probably the bigger question that we're going to face in the future is, how do we control this information, and what should be the government's role in controlling that information? With that, I would just like to encourage your support of the committee amendment and of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. If Senator