

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So with...and I assumed that would be the answer, which is why the amendment I propose makes sense for those supporting the bill, because what we're saying on the one hand is we picked five years because of some Department of Justice study that said they will commit the crime within a five-year period, and so if they're here within five years, they will do the crime and, ah-ha, we'll catch them. But when you ask them if they will go ahead and support a bill that says, okay, if they're clean for five years and they've paid their price, going against the study, which means they will not commit the crime at some point in time in the future, we're not going to give them the break on that, we're not going to do it. The amendment simply says that, look, if you're really serious about catching all of these people out there, if you're really serious, take off the five-year statute of limitations, or whatever the best word is for it, and say if you move into the district from out of state and your certificate is from out of state, or whatever the case may be, you will be fingerprinted in this state, because we don't want you around our kids if, in fact, you have a previous record. That's what the amendment does. So if you support the concept of the bill, of getting people outstate fingerprinted, you better do it. I also would like to ask senators to go back to school districts in your area and ask how many teachers are there in your districts that came from out of state. How many graduated from the University of South Dakota, which in the western part of the state is a lot. How many people graduated from Kansas, or Missouri, or Iowa, that lived in Iowa, that are now in Nebraska, whose husband may have moved to Nebraska for a job and the teacher...the wife is now teaching from another state? If we're really concerned about people from outstate because we don't have information on what they did in Missouri, you need to have them fingerprinted too, otherwise this is a joke.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This is an absolute joke! Senator Hilgert has a prioritized bill that says if, in fact, we're going to...we're going to catch all of these people from outstate, and you're not even going to scratch the iceberg, because the majority of people in Nebraska originally came from outstate. Remember, our problem is we were having a hard time keeping our people here, the migration, remember? This