

fact, in most cases I think we philosophically agree. But there's one thing that we do different, and that I would argue that Senator Bohlke is stating a fact which is true, but it's not what you think it is. And the fact that's true, that Senator Bohlke is saying is absolutely true is that in Nebraska any school district can make a policy to fingerprint in Nebraska their teachers. And they don't even have to do the policy, Senator Bohlke is saying, they can do it. But I think I can give you a list equally as long, if not longer, of school districts that don't do that, they don't have any fingerprinting at all. So if we're going to do fingerprinting of teachers, let's go ahead and do it. But this amendment simply says, and talking, not getting philosophical about the bill, it just talks about what those that are moving the bill are trying to do, and if they're trying to do it, this amendment is what they should be arguing for. If they argue against it, we're being...the hypocrisy is rampant on those that are supporting the bill, if they can't agree with this amendment. This amendment just says, and, Senator Hilgert, you've been awfully quiet. I'd like to hear what you have to say on your priority bill on this point. But this amendment since...simply says that anyone in Nebraska who applies for a teacher's certificate will be fingerprinted if they are from out of state. And if Senator Bohlke is correct, where all 22,000 teachers, you know, who are coming in are going to be fingerprinted, this would ensure what those that are pushing the bill, this will ensure that all new applicants from outside the state of Nebraska will be fingerprinted. This amendment does that. If you don't support this amendment, you're basically saying that we're just going to do some because we really didn't mean it, we really didn't want to do it, we just wanted to make a point here and teachers are, once again, going to be the brunt of that point. So this amendment is an amendment that the supporters should want, because if you're on the floor arguing that teachers from outstate, which we have no clue what they've done in those states, if that is true, let's fingerprint them, and this amendment will accomplish that. No one has argued that point on the amendment. This amendment would accomplish in ways that those that are pushing the bill have not even seen fit to do. This is a positive vote for this amendment if you support the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robinson.