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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Fair is only fair. Senator Chambers, on line 7, on the first page, line 7, I put on the amendment a period after the word "Patrol", and I strike, "unless the applicant has been a resident of Nebraska for at least five years immediately proceeding such application". And if I could take 30 seconds longer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Go ahead.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The way that the bill is written now is that a teacher from out of state will be fingerprinted, unless they have resided in the state for five years; then they will not. What this amendment says, if they're, without getting into a philosophical why it should be agreed to, this amendment simply says, whether they've been here five years or not, if they come in from out of state, they will be fingerprinted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And what has been the objection to that? That anything...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I have...you'll need to ask Senator Bohlke and Senator Hilgert the objections for the most part. I haven't heard them object to the fact that it will expand it. Senator Bohlke argued that there was a...the reason they put the five years in was because there was a Department of Justice study that said that in a five year period those that are in the penitentiary, if they're released, will have done that crime or misdemeanor felony again, and so you'll only need it for that period of time in order to catch it. Anything beyond that is not necessary. They put the five years because of the study.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That doesn't make sense to me, so let me ask Senator Bohlke a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke, will you yield?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bohlke, I'm trying to plow my way through this. With reference to the first part of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment, which would put a period after "Patrol", in line 7, and strike the remaining language, he was mentioning some kind of report that said if a person...well, you tell me why you're opposed to striking that.