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have to decide in Nebraska on this issue which law is the overriding law in this case. And in these cases it has to be, in my view, Nebraska law. It has to be Nebraska law. Otherwise we are saying our law is inferior to every other state's out there because if it's against the law there, they certainly must know better. So this amendment simply states, and it doesn't change anything Senator Hilgert is trying to do, it still goes ahead and says they'll be fingerprinted, they still have the five-year waiver, nothing changed, but they need to have broken a Nebraska law on that criminal background check. I think it's a fair amendment. I think it levels the playing field. And I think it enhances the bill. So, again, I offer these amendments not as opposition trying to stall, but try to improve the bill because there are some major weaknesses in the bill, which makes me think that those that designed the bill, not Senator Bohlke or other, Senator Hilgert, but those that were designing the bill in the summer really didn't care about the bill at all, they just wanted a concept. Because if they would have cared about the bill, I have worked with people in the NSEA, they look at lines by line, they know better than to support something that's badly written as this, which means they really didn't care, they just wanted the concept so they could all be in one happy family and say they support each other. They didn't care if the bill was written well or not. This is a good amendment. It'll help the bill and I would urge...

SENATOR COORLSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORLSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...its adoption.

SENATOR COORLSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and member of the...oh, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Dierks, I'd like to give you an example, and you don't have to...Senator Dierks, Senator Dierks, you don't have to come to your mike, but I'd like to give an example. Somebody had mentioned the laws of California, and just to give an idea in as simple a way as I can of how this could work. Let's say that there is a very active people against people, anyway the animal rights group, PETA, and they have a form of raising livestock deemed a crime in Nebraska. They get the Legislature to enact it. But raising