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kicks in. But there's no reason for the sentence "suitable character and otherwise qualified." That's the nature of the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, the wording that's there, I think, Senator Bernard-Stevens, is in statute and other places. If you even drop down to Section 8, you'll see some wording there that is very similar. If you, if you do what you're saying and put the period on line 4 after check, it means that we could give someone a temporary certificate even if that person had committed a number of crimes. Is that not true?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, because you wouldn't know that until after the criminal background check came into place.

SENATOR BOHLKE: But we ask all applicants that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Ask them if they do crimes? That is correct. They would fill out the form and whichever way, whether they lied or not.

SENATOR BOHLKE: But by putting the period after, we're saying you may have a temporary certificate. We are not asking you to even state that you have not committed any of those crimes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bohlke, would it be better for...would you like it better if we put the period after the word, on line 5 now, after the word "convicted" and then just strike "and suitable character and otherwise qualified"? So you would then have "record information check if the applicant signs a statement that identifies all crimes of which the applicant has been convicted" period. And then it would go on to say, later on, "An applicant's conditional certificate" and so on.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Bernard-Stevens, can I just get back to you in just one minute while I talk to legal counsel.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Sure, if you want me to use the time. Okay. Senator Bohlke, I understand where she's coming from, and I did, I'll be honest, I didn't catch it in Section 8. It only refers to Section 79-1247.06 of the Revised Statutes, and I will