

admit, I missed the point in that section which talked about signing of the paper. And I am not trying to get rid of an application form of which people have to list whatever offenses they may have, similar to if you're going...similar to but different in a way if you're going to go to confession. You know you talk about all your sins. Unfortunately you are forgiven in confession after you do a certain amount of repentance. There may not be any forgiveness here regardless of what's done. What I've offered to Senator Bohlke is a...I don't want to necessarily get rid of that, so if I change the amendment to be after the word "convicted" period, and simply strike the portion that I am most offended by, which would be "of suitable character and otherwise qualified". That's the main portion I want to, I want to delete from there because I don't see it having any real purpose because of the vagueness of what the words actually mean. So, with that, Mr. President, I relinquish the rest of Senator Bohlke's time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I read this language somewhat differently from the way Senator Bernard-Stevens reads it. What I'm looking at in this bill is, and Senator Bohlke can follow, and if I'm mistaken in the way I'm interpreting this bill, I will stand to be corrected. The purpose of this bill is to make it possible to make some reviews and gather information on people who come from outside of Nebraska to teach. In order that a person in that situation, while this background check is occurring, would not be prevented from being allowed to teach if everything else were in order, they are creating this temporary certificate. And what this language is saying, and the previous page talks about the information that the person applying has to give with reference to offenses that may have been committed, while that check is being undertaken, the commissioner is going to review this person's qualifications as he or she would review any other applicant within this state. And if you drop out, this background check is to be, which is being undertaken, and the person has the suitable character, and instead of saying and otherwise qualified, you read that to say in all other respects qualified, then the person gets the temporary certificate. So here's what I think it's saying. The only thing that stands between this person receiving a full-fledged certificate to teach is the outcome of this background check. Since that is