

the only thing standing in the way, it has to be shown that this person has the character that everybody else would have to show they have in order to be certified, and in all other respects meets the qualification. And I think that's what that language, otherwise qualified, is supposed to mean. So I don't know that I would support Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment in this regard. I'm still having a debate within myself about the bill and what it's attempting to do. I have questions that remain regarding what is to become of this information obtained through the background search. Let's say that something is found in a person's closet, but it's not enough to make an entire skeleton. It might be a toe bone or a finger bone, which everybody might have in his or her closet. So that person is allowed to be certified. Should the results of that search remain in the hands of the State Patrol, the Department of Education, and whoever else had it? I would like to see a requirement in law that that kind of information, in its entirety, be turned over to the applicant and any intentional and knowing withholding of this information would constitute a Class I misdemeanor, to make sure it's turned over. I would also want to be assured that if nothing is found, the fingerprints that this person submitted would not be left on record anywhere, not with the FBI, the State Patrol, or the State Board of Education. So after we get past the things Senator Bernard-Stevens is talking about, there are other fundamental questions relative to a person's civil rights that I have. And if I can be satisfied on those, I doubt that I would do too much as far as opposing the bill itself.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I was rushing because I thought you were looking up because my time was over. So, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I'd like to ask you...oh. I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If that, if that term "and otherwise qualified" really means in all other respects is qualified as any other applicant would have to be, would that cause it not to be a problem for you?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If that was the, if we knew that was the intent, that would not be a problem to me.