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They're not doing that. I don't see any reason to pick on a good profession for some type of panacea cure to a problem, that's not going to be solved by this legislation. I understand it's going to be passed. I stated before that I was not filibustering the issue. There are some legitimate amendments, they were agreed to. Senator Bohlke has been more than willing to work with those of us that have had concerns on the bill and I appreciate her efforts. We have made numerous changes, the bill is in better shape. And we'll still be working between now and Select File on those remaining areas that I'm confident we'll find common ground on as well. So, I guess that's basically the explanation of why there will be at least one and probably only one red light on the board today.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 754? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke, to close on the bill.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, as I close I do need to, I think, summarize for you the main thing that we are accomplishing with LB 754. Senator Bernard-Stevens points out some of his objections. And I think at the beginning it is important he raise the issue, but I think it is also important, I read some newspapers articles that said there was a filibuster on the bill, there has not been. We have been working to clear up some of the amendments, and I think they've been good suggestions. And there certainly has not been a filibuster to block the passage of the bill. As far as Senator Bernard-Stevens relating to that this is a conservative group wanting to get this passed, then does that make me a closet conservative, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes. (Laugh)

SENATOR BOHLKE: The difference between Senator Bernard-Stevens and I on this bill, and what made me determine that we really need this is something he talked about. The difference is that I think it currently tilts the table against those school districts who want to find out information about teachers who do not reside in Nebraska. It's important for us to remember that currently we can and many school districts do a criminal background check. About 22 do now, that number seems to be growing, and that does not count those who use private enterprise or private agency to go through and do those