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in areas are policies of selective arrests or selective law enforcement practices. That is a certain group of people may well be singled out by police officers for random arrests and those arrests are not followed up by prosecutions. In a sense certain members of the public are being hassled. This bill allows newspaper reporters, scholars, interested members of the public to still avail themselves of those kinds of arrest records for those kinds of studies so long as the names of the arrestees are not disclosed. I think it is a very salutary change. That essentially is the gravamen of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, you know I think in discussing crime today with young people, I think one of the things that we always seem to tell them is this, you know, stay away from crime and one of the reasons why we want you to stay away from crime is because it is going to be with you and it is going to be on your record for the rest of your life. To me, Senator Johnson, that is a step in the right direction. To me, that is a form of deterring young people if you will, Senator Johnson, from getting involved in crime and I guess looking at the...on page two, Senator Johnson, Section 1, subsection 2, we are talking here apparently about when these particular files can be opened and it says, "when they announce as a candidate for public office". Well if I own a bank or let's say I am, for example, in charge of a medical facility of some sort, in other words, I have no right at all to investigate or inquire to his past involvement? Senator Johnson, is that right?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Oh, no, that is not totally true, Senator Venditte. In the first place, if you own a bank and you are going to employ somebody you have the right at this time to ask that person if they have been arrested. If the person says no, you have the right, right now, to ask that person if they would sign a notarized request for the release of information. You have that right now. This bill doesn't change that. You can go get that. Finally, you may belong to a credit granting agency or employment information agency and they in turn may have compiled records which are available to you as a member of that agency on a whole host of people and you can pick that up.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Johnson, while you are up, just, in other words, if I own this bank, you come in, let's say