

living, all right? They drive for a living. Are they going to be more or less likely to have repeated convictions of offenses against laws or ordinances regulating movement of traffic? One would think that just on a percentage basis they are clearly going to have more opportunity since they do that for a living, they're on the road constantly to be in violation of a law. Maybe not, hopefully not, but I think that we have to rethink what we're about here, especially in Sections 3 and 4. Although I again argue that the intent of what we're trying to solve through the legislation is something worth pursuing, I would just like some more discussion on whether or not this is currently being done,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...what's out there and you know what provisions are out there with either the state patrol or the school boards themselves to take care of this and is this legislation really necessary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Horgan, Abboud and Dierks. Senator Scnimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, I would like to speak to this issue because of my involvement in the child abuse study that was done in the last couple of years by a committee established by this body. And, Senator Dierks, I would like to commend you for what you are attempting to do here. I think that we would all like to make the classroom, the world 100 percent safe for our children but I really question that this is the right bill to accomplish that and, of course, I'm realistic, I know that we can't make it 100 percent safe for our children. I guess I would ask, Senator Dierks, if presently a school system is able to do background checks on an individual. Is there anything that prevents them from being able to do that?

SENATOR DIERKS: No. As near as I understand, they can do a background check. It's difficult. They don't have the central system to do it through and so it is difficult for them, but they can do background checks on employees, that's right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, why then the need for this legislation? Is it that we think that every single school teacher in the system needs to be checked? I mean, I'm thinking of all those