

when you talk about fingerprinting, Senator Dierks said he didn't mind being fingerprinted when he was in the Air Force and other things like that, but the average person looks at fingerprinting as something derogatory and kind of something that you don't want to be fingerprinted, because normally it's in connection with some police case and you just don't want your fingerprints on record. So, from that point of view again, I just don't like the idea of singling out teachers in particular and making it a part of their certification that they have to go through this criminal background check. If school boards and people who are hiring teachers are not astute enough to look at the backgrounds and the credentials of the teacher who's coming in and go back to the people that they worked for before, or go down to their teachers at the university if they're brand new teachers and find out what kind of person they were on campus, if those school boards aren't astute enough to do that, I don't know why they're even there. Because if you cannot hire somebody without going back to be sure whether or not they've abused a child and so on, then I don't think that you've got much business in being in the business of hiring and firing. You all know I'm against child abuse, but, again going back to the Franklin case which has been... I don't remember any school teachers being involved there and that's the thing that has started so much of our problems and our investigations and Senator Schimek's committee. So far, I haven't seen any teachers indicted or brought out because of child abuse there. So, for me, this amendment is pertinent. If you're going to investigate teachers, then you've got to investigate everybody that comes in contact with those children in those schools, so I hope you'll support the amendment and, up or down, and then we'll go on to the next one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. I will remind the senators that we are under call. Senator Crosby, do you wish to proceed with the vote? We are short five people.

SENATOR CROSBY: That's all right. Go ahead.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we'll proceed with the vote. All those in favor of the Crosby amendment, please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.