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PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails and I will raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Crosby would move to amend. Senator, I have AM0859 in front of me, Amendment 0859. (See page 1230 of the Journal, First Session.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. This amendment does the same thing as the first amendment that I introduced and we have just finished disgusting (sic), but it includes...it says the same language for the schools that employ, supervising, licensing, contracting with, or certifying teachers, child care providers, employment agents, real estate agents may, as a condition of employment or as a part of an investigation, require the person seeking employment, licensure, to being investigated to obtain a criminal clearance verification based upon a check of the person's criminal history record, information as designed (sic)...defined in Section 29-30506 (sic), except as provided in Section 5 of this act. The person shall sign and file a release for a check of the criminal history record information and shall file a complete set of fingerprints with the Nebraska State Patrol. There again, there are people who are involved with children every day, child care providers, employment agents and so on, that I feel that if we're going to target teachers and require them to be criminally investigated and fingerprinted, then all these other people who might come in contact with those children should go through the same thing. So, there's my amendment. If you'd like to discuss it, I'd be glad to answer any questions. No lights on, Mr. Speaker? I just noticed that we moved from Madam President to Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Crosby. Yes, Senator Morrissey, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I just want to get up and support Senator Crosby. When I saw this bill last year, when I saw the one-liner on it, I just...I knew the intent was good, but it's something that I can't support and really is kind of scary to me. And the folks that stand up and can't understand why the teachers wouldn't want this, I guess, maybe you haven't been in a similar situation yourself because we've been...we fought this on other issues where our industry was singled out as the only industry possibly having drug problems in this country quite a few years ago and if you've ever been exposed to that situation where you have done absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing to cause anyone any suspicion about you. And in some of the drug