

testing hearings we had in the past we had a gentleman that did absolutely nothing in his claim, and I believed him, in his entire life that ever made anyone possibly suspicious that he had ever taken drugs or taken a drink in his life, yet he, all of a sudden, had to prove his innocence or his sobriety in drugs and alcohol. And if you've ever had that happen to you, and I have, it's not nice. It's not a nice feeling. That's not what this country is all about. It's innocent until proven guilty. And we have a lot of problems in this country and it seems like the easiest way out of them is to restrict freedoms, and I've said this more than once on the floor, and I will not vote to restrict freedoms to help address tough problems. If we want to address tough problems, let's take the time and the patience and the investment that it takes to address the roots of those problems. Now, teachers or anyone, in my opinion, should be offended to ask to prove their innocence, and when I've voted against drug bills in the past because they were bad drug bills, I've been accused of supporting the drug dealers or for our kids to be on drugs. Well, anything but, anything but, and the same goes here. I want to protect my children. I have three children of school age, but I don't expect the baby-sitters, or the ministers, or the Sunday school teachers, or the teachers, or my neighbors that might watch my kids, or my relation that might watch my kids, or anyone, the friends that my children hang out for hours at a time in their house, I don't expect any of them to prove their innocence, because I know them and I trust them and, if I don't, I shouldn't be leaving my children in that situation. And I believe the schools, just like any other employment situation, has the ability to check out backgrounds, have references given and follow through on those to find out. Sure, there's going to be someone slip through in every instance, but we can't protect ourselves from every little thing. We just can't do that. So I would support Senator Crosby for trying to stop or trying to change, improve, what I consider a bad bill and I'll support her efforts and I will oppose the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I still have a nagging suspicion that this amendment might be considered harassment, but I don't want to offend you, Senator Crosby, but it appears like with a bundle of five of them there, that it could be. Maybe not. Senator Morrissey, don't we all go through some sort of soul searching in our life? Don't we all