

devil's advocate, I couldn't help but be reminded that all too often if a next door neighbor abuses a child, generally the neighbor goes to jail, and they ought to, but if a family member sexually abuses a child, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, maybe even a mother in some cases, they don't go to jail in most cases. They get counseled. In my opinion, those people ought to go to jail as well. There is no excuse for that kind of behavior. And whatever standards we establish for teachers, we should at least expect families to be held in that same high regard and standard. And so I think it would be important for school districts, if something like this should pass where teachers, in fact, were fingerprinted or, in fact, had criminal checks made, I think it would really be vital. And, in fact, if we don't do it, maybe we should introduce a bill to do it, to force families, or to mandate that families provide a record of any sexual abuse or child abuse by any member of that family to the school district when they are registered or if they are reregistered in any other school district. It is my intention to withdraw the amendment because I did not have a chance to refine it, but I did want to make that point and, obviously, too many people are worried about sexual abuse of children right now on this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I am glad Senator Lynch turned this in because this is where I can see things going. I hate to use a National Rifle Association's argument of a nose of a camel under the tent, or a door the crack of the door opening and here we go. But these type of situations are what really bother me, and that's...covered up my notes here, Jim...that's where I can see this type of legislation leading us. If we are really concerned about it and I was lobbied aren't you concerned about your children, this is for your children, well, sure I am. But I am also concerned about the direction we are going in taking these types of steps to protect us from everything. So if we are going to do it, let's investigate everybody. Let's expand on this amendment and let's just say everyone shall go through a background check, because as some of the tragedies that have taken place in the last few days in this city can show it can happen, some of the finest people can all of a sudden just pop. That is the way it can work. Now how are we going to prevent that? What can we do to prevent that? Maybe we should do psychological testing and backgrounds on everyone. Maybe we should do that on all