

teachers. Maybe we should do that on all people that work in the mall, that work in video stores that have a lot of contact with children. Criminal background test, psychological screens, if we really want to wrap ourselves in a protective bubble, then that's...we have to go and do it all. And this legislation really bothers me. And I was asked what can be done to make you more comfortable with it, and I just don't think there is anything that can be done. It is hard to maintain our credibility on this floor but you think of this bill and what I see as invasions of privacy, and then you think of the flag amendments and standing up for what this country believes in and what this country is all about, and you think of gun control and the same arguments there, and, boy, it is just really hard to maintain our consistency on this floor, and I struggle with that on a daily basis. But I am coming more and more to the thinking that we are just trying to solve our very complicated problems with some very easy and dangerous legislation, whether it is drugs, whether it is guns, whether it is children. And until you have actually experienced this type of intrusion on your life, you just don't understand, and some of you it doesn't bother. I understand that. It doesn't bother you. Some have stood and said I am more than happy to have my background checked but it does bother me, and I have had it done to me, and I don't like it. And I have fought against it for many years, and I will continue to fight against it. So I work, and have lived a good clean life, and have given no one any reason to suspect me of any crime, I don't expect to have to prove that I am, indeed, innocent of any crime. I will give you my sweat. I will give you my labor, but I won't give you my dignity. I oppose this legislation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 522. We are discussing the advancement of LB 522. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly. I would urge the body not to advance the bill simply because the bill as amended now simply states that if there is a policy that states that there must be fingerprinting before a background check occurs, this bill will not have the force of law, will not be implemented. In essence, since there is a ruling out there for the FBI that they are not going to take their right of fingerprinting away as a policy, it makes the bill moot. People have asked me, why I...why this issue do I decide I want to speak and, quite honestly, I was talking to Senator Wehrbein, and I think all of