Today, the Suburban Agenda Caucus passed its first major piece of legislation, the *School Safety Acquiring Excellence Act*
by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 415-1.
In 1998, President Clinton signed legislation permitting states to share criminal data. 25 states have signed such compacts, 25 have not, including Illinois. Recently, Michigan schools found over 2,000 felons have been hired- slipping through their checks because the applicants were arrested out of state. This bill provides schools access to national criminal data bases to obtain criminal information when hiring teachers.
Currently, most states do not have access to criminal information on individuals outside of their home state. This legislation is critical in making sure that no pedophile or criminal slips through the cracks and into the classroom. The Suburban Agenda is moving forward, this time making classrooms safer. We are keeping our commitment to American families by addressing their key concerns.