

February 9, 1979

LB 131

want these buses to be, let them put that into the statute. But I will tell you this much, if the buses are coming into this state with a certain color already provided by the manufacturer and that color does not comport with the one which would be in existence in the State Department of Education's regulations, those buses themselves would be in violation of this law. If every bus which is driven in this state to transport children to school is not chrome yellow, if that is the one that is required, then every school bus is in violation of the law. So here is the question I have to ask Senator Koch. Senator Koch, when these buses are ordered by various school districts in this state, do they specify that they want a chrome yellow bus or are all school buses painted by all manufacturers chrome yellow?

SENATOR KOCH: The buses when they are ordered by the school districts, the districts are aware of the color it must be and they are specified as to color.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you look at a bus and determine whether it is chrome yellow or simply yellow?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Chambers, I am not certain chrome yellow....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is your Education Department, Senator, (Interruption).

SENATOR KOCH: I know that but I want you to know that I am not a transportation officer either but chrome yellow, if there is such a color, I doubt that that would be the color that the school district would order.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Oh, and one other thing, then if that is not the color that is on the bus, wouldn't those drivers of these buses be committing a violation every time they drive it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and I am winding down now. Thank you, Senator Koch. I will make the statement, every time the driver does drive it, even transporting children to school, that driver is in violation of the law. So here is what I am suggesting that we do because we have time in this session, accept my motion to repeal this section. It will not take effect until 90 days after we are out of session and that will compel the Department of Education to