

of this statute, I could have something done in the way of striking it because it is vague. It is too vague. It is ambiguous and it does not have that degree of precision which a criminal statute requires. There are attorneys in the body, Senator Koch, and if you would like to ask them about some of these questions that are being raised, then I think maybe you ought to do that but my motion right now, so that it is clear, is to amend LB 131 as it is before us now so that it will not modify the original section 79-488.05 but rather repeal it. My amendment would completely strike all this language from the law and that is the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Chambers, I do not wish to argue this point. This is rather common knowledge that anytime you use a vehicle and you own it for other things than transporting children for public or private education, that bus immediately must be painted another color. Not just a stripe, it must be painted in its entirety. You cannot use that color. That is reserved only for the transportation of school children, public or private. Therefore, I don't think that you are unknowingly leading someone into a misdemeanor or some kind of an act that is going to forever cloud his character and reputation. The purpose is only to bring that person to note that he is in violation of the law that is generally acknowledged and known by almost everyone. Then to one other question, school districts seldom sell their buses to private owners. School districts will sell those buses to a manufacturer or to an automobile agency who handles buses and they in turn sell them to private owners for usually recreational vehicles. There again I am sure that that owner reminds a person when he buys it that that vehicle must be changed in terms of the color. So I don't think we are getting involved in a very intricate system at all. This law has been on the book for quite sometime. One of the reasons it was brought was to merely change the penalty to conform with the criminal code in its original intent and, secondly, was to really enforce the law to a better degree than we have been able to do was to make the operator that person responsible for the citation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Senator Koch, may I ask you a question, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, will you respond?