

this bill is now being kind of put together in a piecemeal fashion, and when the piecemeal work is completed, I don't think many will be aware of what really the bill says, let alone whether it accomplishes its purported intent. If we are interested in the safety and welfare of children who are being transported on these buses, whether they are owned by the school district, a church or anybody else, then that ought to be addressed in a different fashion than it is being undertaken here today, and without going into an analysis again of what is wrong with the bill as it stands with the amendment, I believe that if the bill is returned to the Judiciary Committee, everybody who has an interest in it, including Senator Koch and representatives of the State Department of Education, could come together and we could draft a piece of legislation aimed at either differentiating school buses from nonschool buses, if that is all they are concerned about, or insuring that buses which are unsafe will not be used for transporting children, whether they are owned by a church, a school or a private individual. Whatever the true intent is, that will be established first. Then we will draft legislation aimed at accomplishing that intent. The bill as it stands now does nothing, in my opinion, except produce an unconstitutional scheme whereby people will be charged with and convicted of crimes. Crimes and punishments are serious matters and I don't think they ought to be put together ad hoc on the floor of the Legislature. Therefore, the motion that I am offering would return LB 131 to the Judiciary Committee and I would work with whoever was interested in trying to do something with the bill. Senator Koch wondered why it had been sent to that committee rather than Education. Since the main thrust of it or major thrust of it was to create a classification of crimes and prescribe a punishment, this is matter which traditionally goes to the Judiciary Committee and not to the Education Committee. So that is the rationale for its having been referred in the way that it was and I am trying to put it back to that committee so corrective work can be done.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would like very much to concur in what Senator Chambers has said. In fact I had raised the question with Senator Kahle if possibly this was not a more sound and proper procedure. This Legislature gets very serious and very intent and very dedicated here on the floor, but there are so many loose ends, such as, designations by number of points and that that we do not have the familiarity to properly handle on the floor that I think we have adequate time left to bring this back, and that in the absence of Senator