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bill, we ought to say so, and if that is what it is in fact, if that is what it is, we should make this entire bill a permissive piece of legislation and say that parents may allow their children to be inoculated just like they may allow their children to have their hair cut or they may allow them to wear short pants or long pants or boots or tennis shoes but you are not going to do that and I totally disagree with the idea of saying that something has been done for a long time so it ought not to be changed. That is what caused Galileo to get put on a rack because people had been saying for a long time that the earth is flat and does not move and Galileo said, yes, it does, and again some church people put him on the rack and stretched his bones, separated limb from limb because of a point of view. Now we come down to a modern day, and because of a particular church's attitude, you are going to say that legislation is going to go around that particular church and grant privileges to them which are not granted to all citizens. I think it is wrong. I think it is an improper amendment and I think it ought not be adopted. Either all children must be immunized or none should be required. Make it permissive for all. So if you adopt this atrocious amendment, then I think you ought to do some additional amending which makes the entire bill permissive in which case you may as well nullify the immunization program. I am opposed to the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, did you wish to close again please? We are now voting on the Koch amendment. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed no. This will require 25 votes, of course.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Please vote. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, a question of the Chair. This is an amendment I offered. It doesn't need 25, does it? It is on general file.

SENATOR NICHOL: The Clerk tells me, yes, that it does take 25.

SENATOR KOCH: It does take 25? In that case, I request a Call of the House.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is shall we go under Call? I guess I should ask if I see five hands first. Record, Mr. Clerk.