

because of the attitude that society adopts toward them. I don't think this amendment is going to place an undue burden on the schools but if it is a burden at all, we must do in this case, as we do where difficult decisions are made. I don't see this as a difficult decision but some may see it that way. You develop in your mind a scale and you weigh on that scale, the factors to be considered. Will the inconvenience to the schools be so great as to outweigh the good that can occur for not only the handicapped children, but for the rest of us who need education and understanding drilled into us relative to these situations? No person is an island. Each is a part of the main and everybody's death or misfortune would tend to diminish all of us to that degree if we are sensitive. I think when an educated person on the subject can indicate that a parent of a handicapped child looks at that situation in the same way that a person would look at the death of a relative, it shows us what the general attitude toward these circumstances are in the society. I am asking that we adopt this amendment to make a step toward correcting a very bad situation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now this is the status of the bill itself and the amendments so that those of you who have your lights on can let me know which amendment you wish to speak to. We now are discussing, one, Chambers amendment. The record shows Senator Koch then has two amendments. Senator Venditte has one. Senator Chambers has two additional amendments. Senator Wesely, your light was on first. Do you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. I will keep my remarks very brief because I spoke on this yesterday. I know many of you were not here on the floor but I gave what I consider to be one of the most passionate speeches that you will ever hear from me maybe because I feel so very strongly, very strongly about this amendment and I think it is one of the best things we can do in the Legislature this year to deal with one of the most serious problems that the State of Nebraska faces. One of the questions that has been raised about the whole proposal is, well, will it do any good. Good goal, but do we need it. I would like to read from testimony given by Robinsue Frohboese who gave it at the Education Committee and it is excellent testimony. I don't like to read on the floor but this is something I hope that you will take a minute to listen to. "In terms of prevention the State Board of Health feels that teaching students who are entering their childbearing years about the causes of mental retardation and other development disabilities will lead