

I certainly would not take this position. I believe that the committee on Ag and Environment will treat the bill fairly. Everyone of us have an opportunity to go in and testify before the committee. I think they will be fair. What happens to it if and when it gets on the floor, that is all of our decisions to be made. I am going to support the present reference even though I am on the Education Committee, and maybe it is a good idea for those of us that see things in a different light also have an opportunity to listen to the discussion. Senator Koch, in spite of the fact that I bow to you most of the time, I am going to resist you this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think almost everything has been said that needs to be said. I agree with Senator Koch that the bill will receive a fair hearing regardless of where it goes. I have never aid anything to the contrary. I have made it plain many times that I think any committee could hear any bill that is introduced in this Legislature and it would receive a fair hearing. The makeup of the Committee on Committees determines the makeup of the various committees and it is by accident sometimes rather than by choice that those committee assignments are made. I know that there are those of us who feel very strongly about this issue, and I would be the first to concede that. I really appreciate Senator Newell's confidence in the Ag Committee but I would say this, there are several new members on that committee. I have not discussed the bill with many of the committee members, but I would say this that the bill will certainly receive a fair hearing. I want to call your attention to the rule on page 31 of your Rule Book, Section 2. It says that you may request that a bill be referred if it was referred in error. The bill was originally referred to the Appropriations Committee. It was adequately discussed. Motions were made. It was then determined that the bill be sent to the Committee on Agriculture. I would very much hope that you do not support Senator Koch's motion, and that you vote against the motion to send the bill to the Committee on Education.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to support Senator Koch's motion.