

that would be acceptable, and I want to tell you right now it is not totally acceptable with the NSEA and you have read the article put on your desk, but I understand the executive secretaries and their role and they are to protect the profession, and I want to remind you that the profession is being protected. We have not diminished the qualifications of the public schools. A week ago we talked about this issue and I think it is important that we are able to reconsider and talk about it one more time. What we are saying is that the schools that operate as what we call the Christian schools or academies that they shall do several things and they may do several things. In fact it sort of reminds me a little bit...what I am going to say to you that what they do is a Class I school system how it operated about 25 years ago. And you know we still have a lot of Class I school systems in this state and some of them are operating possibly to what we might think not in the highest standards of education. So what I am offering you today is not really anything that we haven't accepted in this state for quite some time. I think what we ought to forget right now, as soon as we can, is that this group of people as far as their religious background is concerned have been around here a long time, in fact, probably date back to the very beginning of this nation. What we are saying in this amendment is that the parent of a child or children attending a private school of this nature will sign an affidavit to the effect that that child is in attendance and they will also list the public school system where that school is located on that affidavit and they shall provide that to the county superintendent and the county superintendent shall expect this annually and then shall report this to the Department of Public Instruction which is the State Department of Education. In addition to this, we say that the county superintendent can also grant waivers on staff members the fact that they are not certified and again the parent must be aware of this. Primarily we also say in this amendment we are proposing that the county superintendent shall also justify to the State Department of Education that the child is receiving a regular instruction, by that we mean on a daily basis, and for X number of days a year and that the instruction is from a structured curriculum or course of study, and thirdly, that the child is appropriately proficient in the basic disciplines of learning. Now this can be also interpolated to the point that if they are concerned about the achievement of the child, that they can ask for tests that come from national types of tests that we have been getting for years such as the California test and the Iowa basic skills which are very common in the public schools. Now I know we are going to get into an argument here and we had one the other day, and it is going