

to be on whether or not this amendment can fit into 318. And I submit to you that this Legislature determines the subject matter and we are in Chapter 79 and I believe that that is ample, and I would remind you also that the court decision that came down not too long ago said that the only place that could resolve the question is the State Legislature. We are the ones that will make that determination. What we are trying to do here is reach a reasonable position in terms of the private and the public sector, and I don't know that I can stand here and say that I am going to say these people are not offering good education simply because the word Christian is used, because most of us always say we are Christian and we believe in the Christian Judeo system. So until...and one other thing I am asking and I'm going to be very candid with you, the Department...or the Education Committee has a resolution where we are going to work very diligently at trying to find out the facts. We are going to examine other states, see what their laws are and hopefully we can come up with a model law. That is why I am asking you to give us this time and also give these Christian schools the time to continue their programs which they believe in just as validly as you and I may believe in certain ideals and principles that we stand for. So, basically, what I just gave to you is the amendment, and I would ask you to adopt this amendment and advance LB 318 to E & R for final engrossment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, as I told you repeatedly, in the interest of saving time I know it is going to be ruled nongermane. I think Senator Koch and I have agreed rather than have a hassle of germaneness, germaneness is strictly a rule, you can suspend that rule. We are submitting to you we should put the burden on us to try to get 30 votes, either they are here or they aren't. If they are here, to suspend the rule and put this into the bill, then we go ahead. So I would move that...is it okay, Gerry, to do that, go ahead and say, I move we suspend the rule? First of all, I object that it is not germane. I say it myself. Is it germane, Mr. Speaker? Just say, no. He said, no. Mr. President, I move to suspend the rule on germaneness so that the issue can or cannot be taken up. No, I don't want to even overrule the Chair. That just takes 25. I think the burden is on us to get 30 votes if we are going to put this in the bill, and we know that and that is one of the risks. Then nobody can really say we weaseled around. So I move to suspend the rules and allow the amendment to be offered. Okay?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, that is a debatable topic and the Chair will recognize Senator Chambers.