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points that I wanted to make, ladies and gentlemen. I thank you for allowing me to share this with you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I wish to oppose the adoption of the amendment. I would certainly agree with Senator Stoney that there are some things going on in our public schools today with which I do not personally agree. Now I think that the other members of the Education Committee will verify that I have talked about some of those things and that we are trying to deal with some of those things. It is true that there is no prayer in the school. It is true that there is no Bible in the school, and it is true, I think, that creation theory is not taught in the schools and I don't know personally whether it should be or shouldn't be. If there is a theoretical basis for it, then I guess I think it should be. But the point is that if you want to start a school where there is a Bible, or where you have prayer in the morning and in the middle of the day and at the end of the day, and where you teach creation theory right alongside evolution theory, you can do it. The Catholics have done it. The Lutherans have done it. One religious sect after another has done that. The law has been in effect since 1912. I think it has been many, many years since any of the relevant provisions of the law have even been amended. I certainly don't have anything against Christian schools and with regard to the specific ones that I know about that have been down here at the Legislature I don't have the least doubt but that they will do a good job by their children. I went to a Christian school, a Catholic school. I feel that my education at St. Bernard's Grade School was as fine as what was provided at the public schools, maybe better. Nonetheless, the state has a responsibility. The Constitution of the State of Nebraska says that we in the Legislature have a responsibility to see that the education...that the children of this state are educated. To that end, we have over our long two hundred..hundred year history developed a set of rules and standards which are minimal in character but which we apply to all the children of the state because it is our responsibility to be sure wherever they are educated that certain things are done. You may not agree with each and every rule. You may not agree this teacher certification is the best process. Or you may not agree that certain requirements of rule 14 the other basic requirement, is necessary. But if you don't agree, shouldn't you be asking yourself this question, why are we applying it to every child in the state? Senator Koch, I have a question for you. Do you believe