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SPEAKER MARVEL: You have about thirty seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like just to quote, and I think it comes from a Bible, about rendering unto Caesar as that which is Caesar's and in regard to that which is God's, and I suppose in this day and age we get into lots of arguments over what is proper matters for the state and proper matters for the church, and sometimes we come down one way and sometimes the other. I don't suppose anybody in here is against repealing the law of bigamy even though that is against some people's religious beliefs, and why not? Because we think we have a responsibility to the society as a whole to provide certain minimum safeguards and I tell you that nothing is more important to the state than the children and you can be assured today that that certain group has the best interests of their children at stake but that doesn't always mean in the future it's always going to be that way and I ask you not to say that a portion of the children don't get the state's protection, which is what we would be saying if we adopt this amendment. Thank you.