

I am allowing it and they could not accept that. They could not accept that. I hear some members saying it is the state's responsibility for the children and I wonder how much responsibility the parent has for those children and when you compare state's responsibility versus parents' responsibility, who has the primary responsibility for children? Whose responsibility is it? Who has the greater responsibility or the greater authority, the state or the parent? You know, we don't certify ministers. We don't certify priests. We don't certify preachers. We have never attempted to do that and really what are these teachers in these Christian schools other than an extension of that ministry? It is an extension of the ministry. Now if we admit and we accept the premise that we cannot and shall not and will not certify the minister or the preacher or the priest, where do we think we have the authority to certify the minister or the preacher or the priest's staff? It is a serious question. This is not a light issue. There is some very legitimate serious questions being raised here. We are seriously talking about people's freedom to worship in the way they desire to worship. I don't know what the answer is. I don't know where ministry stops and ministry begins. I don't know...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have twenty seconds.

SENATOR DWORAK: ...but the issue is before us and we have people potentially that could be incarcerated over this issue. We are not proposing with this amendment a permanent solution to this problem. That is why the sunset is in there. We are asking for an opportunity, just an opportunity to buy some time so we can seriously look at it and study the issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up. The question before the House is the adoption of the DeCamp-Koch amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record vote? Okay.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2241 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. The motion before the House is the readvancement of the bill. All those in favor of that motion...Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I wanted very much to speak to the issue of adoption of the amendment but readvancement will do because I firmly believe that the issue is not as it has been presented here today. This is not a religious issue. I not only firmly believe that but I strongly believe that. I listened to Senator