

State textbooks? We don't have true separation of church and state and I hope we never do and I hope the ugly head of prejudice is dead in the State of Nebraska and that we consider the rights of parents to give their children an education, whether it be in public school or parochial school but when you talk about subsidizing them through these bonds, we subsidize a lot of things that are not as near and dear as the right to educate our own children if we see fit. So I would have to ask you, Senators, to vote against Senator Chambers amendment and then let's readvance this bill and pass it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is clear that Senator Higgins understands nothing about the Constitution and that Senator Koch has surprised me by saying that Madison lived a long time ago. Well, we know that and that the Constitution was written a long time ago and I know that and the Constitution is not perfect and I certainly know that and the fact that it made me less than a human being, I know that, but do you know how I have to be caged? I have to present the Constitution based on what it actually is supposed to do as the fundamental document on which the laws of this country are based. If I were to attack the Constitution as Senator Higgins attacked it, then that old neo-McCarthyism would come out and I would be the radical against traditional values of the country. I am condemning the Constitution. I am saying it is not perfect but what she said is true and I agree with her, but nevertheless, until the Constitution is amended you are going to be held as a legislative body to the requirements of the Constitution whether you like it or not. There is another provision and it troubles me that I have to assume this posture with reference to a document that as Senator Higgins said, did not even view me as a human being and from the vote here yesterday on an issue that would destroy my community, the Legislature, a majority obviously, don't view me and my kind as human beings either but, nevertheless, the reality of the matter is this. Any