

it has before it can consider this subject further. We know during the interim that hearings were held on the subject and still we have no resolution to the problem. So I'd feel much more comfortable if LB 472A is bracketed let's say on Final Reading so that we know that we do have a vehicle during the 1982 session to address this subject if indeed it is to be addressed. My only fear is that if the bill is returned to the Education Committee and a consensus is not reached by a majority of that committee then we will be no better off than we have been over the past year in attempting to come to a solution of this most difficult problem. So I see no danger in bracketing the bill at the present time where it is and if as Senator Beutler says there are flaws and deficiencies in this proposition, I'm sure the Education Committee in its wisdom and the members of this body collectively can offer amendments to that proposition that will address the issue and hopefully meet with the conflicts and controversy that exist by both the advocates and adversaries of this proposal. So at this point in time I would sincerely ask that you not honor the request to return the bill to the Education Committee for a hearing but rather allow them through the hearing process to hear the other propositions and leave this bill in place so that there can be a vehicle if at all necessary during this very short sixty day session to address this issue once and for all. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know it's kind of a slow afternoon but I guess I would still beg your indulgence, kind of listen and fear not, I'm not going to try to save the Amish or the Mennonites or the Christian schools. I guess I figure if they and God kind of working together haven't got her done yet, who am I to try anything. I've tried to find out why 472A, which is the Christian school bill, has to go back to committee and I have learned from any number of individuals and I guess it has been publicly stated repeatedly that the reason is very simple. LB 472A is a tarnished bill and we know it is tarnished because the education people have repeatedly told us that it is tarnished and because it is tarnished we have to return it. I guess that tarnishing is a pretty serious crime when it comes to legislation here. I guess I've been asked also why continually keep trying to defend these Christian schools and try to come up with something that will keep them in existence, keep the Mennonites in the state, keep the Amish from being driven out and my reason is quite simple. I've kind of come to the conclusion just because somebody looks a little different or dresses a little different or thinks a little different shouldn't mean they should be run out of business as long as