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they aren't particularly hurting you or doing something to damage you. Now I have tried to find out how 472A got tarnished so I can maybe hopefully avoid this tarnishing in the future because tarnishing obviously is a pretty serious crime in here and I found out there was the conduct, it was the conduct of people like Pastor Siliven, it was the conduct of people like the Mennonites and the Amish, so on and so forth and I didn't understand it quite frankly but I've been led to believe that they're tarnishers. For example, when they went and locked the church of the one group with padlocks and chains they didn't throw any stones, they didn't resist, they didn't fight, they just let their church be locked up. I guess I'm so dumb I'd think if somebody came and tried to lock my church, I'm a Catholic, I've got no things to hide there, I'd be there with a pair of bolt cutters. I wouldn't have taken it but they accepted it. I guess then they tarnished things further because they had Jerry Falwell and some others here when he infuriated some people. So that contributed to the tarnishing. And the Mennonites when they had their buggy taken away and when they decided to just leave the state rather than keep trying to keep their schools open, I guess I thought that was kind of foolish on their part. I would have tried to stay and fight but I guess their leaving and their doing all this helped to tarnish 472A. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not questioning that 472A is tarnished because we have been told it is tarnished. We've been told by the Education people that somehow 472A is tarnished and that is why it has to be kind of put to bed but for those who were here last session I would remind you of just a few things that happened last session. Number one, they followed every rule possible in dealing with their legislation including repeatedly suspending the rules rather than just trying to say this is or isn't germane, they suspended the rules repeatedly. They let everybody have their debate. Somebody stood up a while ago and said, well there is seventy-six amendments up there on the bill. Those seventy-six amendments are from the people that say the bill is tarnished. They weren't put up there by the Christian school people.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR DeCAMP: The Christian school people were promised come January everything will be taken care of, come January there will be a bill. Well if you've read the bill that's been introduced it would close everyone of them down even faster than existing law. Don't take my word for it. Go read the bill. So at some point I can see why maybe they have a little doubt as to the credibility of this body because we keep promising and doing the opposite. So I guess 472A is supposed to be tarnished and maybe indeed it