

studied and thoroughly come out here with a bill that could be addressed by the entire body and not have two or three dealing with the same subject. But if it's the wishes of this body to spin its wheels and kill a lot of time on this issue, then I guess you leave this bill out here because that's exactly what's going to happen and we all know it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't really see the significance of Senator Stoney's motion because if the bill is bracketed as in the present state with all those amendments, there wouldn't be enough time left after the date that it would be unbracketed to deal with it anyway on the floor. On the other hand, if a majority of you feel that the bill should be out here in one form or the other even if it goes back to committee should it be bottled up, you can make a motion to pull it from the committee and there could be the public hearing. But actually, why do you need a public hearing or anything else? This is one of those issues where argumentation and discussion is not going to change anybody's point of view. Whether or not the bill is passed will depend on the political climate at the time we vote on it. So if it's delayed in hope for a better political climate, I could then understand. But from the standpoint of the operation of the legislative process, I don't think it makes any difference whether it's voted on whenever it comes up on final reading, based on where it is now and we try to go through all those amendments or whatever, or bracketed until whenever Senator Stoney wants it bracketed, then delay it till past the end of the session at that point, or if you let it go to committee and it's heard with all these other bills that supposedly touch on the subject. I just don't know what the interest of the body is. You always know where I stand on these issues. I don't know where you all stand. I don't know whether we're dealing in politics this afternoon or legitimate concern for these people who run these Christian schools. I tend to doubt whether it has anything to do with the Christian schools. But I try to sit here as an outsider, wearing devil jeans, and see how the Christians handle it; and then maybe if your direction looks wise, I'll follow you out of the wilderness into the swamp.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, it's fascinating to listen to the rationale of the various people. Senator Chambers, the committee is not trying to be political. The committee spent hours on this subject, very consciously, very concerned, and we have taken more heat than anyone in this