

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again I would just say that I see not a thing wrong at all with bracketing this bill so that we do have a vehicle if this body collectively, seriously wants to address this issue. Senator Chambers questioned why I would bracket it to a certain date. I'm just attempting to maintain the bill here on the floor over the attempt to return it to the committee and I think that there will be sufficient time for us to address it if we do it in a rational and objective manner. Senator Vickers was concerned that I was impugning the integrity and the credibility of the Education Committee. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the committee has dealt with this issue during the interim and they have indeed, as Senator Koch has advised you, offered a proposition on behalf of the committee to address this issue. Ladies and gentlemen, it does not help the fundamentalist, the Christian school advocates but it is more restrictive than the present laws in the rules and regulations that govern Christian schools. So the point that I make, if we are talking about credibility and integrity and truly addressing the issue for yes, a very small minority of Christian individuals who wish to train and educate their children in this fashion, I guess I would question whether or not we are attempting to find a resolution to this problem that will serve this small minority. I think all of us, ladies and gentlemen, are here to represent all the constituents in the State of Nebraska, not just those who are in a majority but those that are in a minority and these people indeed are. So I see no reason whatsoever, the vehicles are in committee, they can be studied, it can be tested against or they can be tested against if offered to the floor to be considered collectively the provisions that are encompassed in LB 472. So there is no reason whatsoever to return this bill. I think the incentive again will diminish greatly if this bill is returned to that committee and I don't think that we'll seriously attempt to resolve this issue on behalf of those who advocate Christian education in their schools. Please help me in bracketing LB 472 to March 15, 1982. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the bracketing of LB 472A until March 15. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: How many members are excused?

SENATOR CLARK: Five. Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 25 nays on the motion to bracket, Mr. President.