

be aware and some others are, it is the compulsory school education law that is really at the heart of all the Christian school issue. In other words, there is no need to worry about certification or noncertification or anything else if you are not compelled to attend school. It is only by having this as a back-up that the issue even comes into play, number one. Number two, I think it is time the Legislature looked at the entire issue of compulsory education in view of the fact, and it's a fact I doubt most of us are aware of, that on the three times it has been offered in the Constitution it has been defeated by votes of the people, every time, compulsory education going back to 1871, then 1875, then 1915. Everytime the people have had a chance to speak on it the people have voted against a compulsory education provision in the Constitution, different types. Now I personally happen to believe that some form of compulsory education law is proper and necessary particularly in the 21st, 22nd century, whatever, to make our people function as they are going to have to in a world of computers and everything else. So I am supporting keeping it alive at this point because I think it opens up a vista of other areas that we should be looking into as to the whole nature of what enforcement there should be on compulsory education as to how it interrelates with the other issue that we have discussed here before and as to what we should be doing in terms of the age limits. In response to Senator Lamb's comment I heard back there about turning it into a Christian school issue bill, no, there is no intention. In fact, I think Senator Koch can verify the fact that he and I have sat down kind of privately here in the last day or so and I have also talked to the Governor on the issue, and we have both agreed, all three of us have essentially agreed that we are going to sit back quietly, watch and hopefully Senator Koch without interference from anybody will be able to get something done in the next month or month and a half, and I just want to state that as a matter of public record. We are giving him every opportunity. He stated it on the floor. So, Senator Lamb, in response to your question I heard back there, no, I am not going to make it into a Christian school bill. But I repeat, it is behind everything on this issue because it is the compulsory education law that is the back-up that forces the issue of the school which forces the issue of certification. So I would urge you to keep it alive for the present.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, perhaps I need to ask Senator Beutler a question. Would it be possible for