

to begin to look at who teaches our children and who administers those who teach our children. If you took the time to look at the statistics compiled by the Department of Education concerning the ratio of female to males in the teaching occupation and the ratio of females to males in the administering occupation...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...you would have to conclude that there was very clearly sex discrimination occurring because it is men in our society who are the school superintendents and the school principals and the school administrators and it is primarily women at the primary level who are the teachers and to some extent at the secondary level who are the teachers. What this piece of legislation does is it gives those women the opportunity to assert again and again and again to local school boards that they too are qualified to administer our public schools. Just as Catholic nuns over the years have obviously been qualified to administer the parochial schools and run the Catholic hospitals and the like, our women in the public sector can do those jobs. This is a good piece of legislation. I wholeheartedly encourage your total and complete support of it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support Senator Remmers and I would like to share with you some experiences within my own family of why I would do this. I happen to be old enough to have three sisters who are older than I. Two of those sisters played basketball when they were in high school. Some of you may not know that we played basketball back in those days as far as the girls were concerned but we did. One of those sisters was never able to have any children because of her activity in basketball. I have a daughter-in-law who played basketball in Iowa. She had four miscarriages because of her basketball participation. Fortunately, after the fourth was able to have enough surgery so that she now has two sons for which we are very fortunate but I just believe that it is awfully important for us to recognize that there is a difference between men and women and I just would say that I think this is something that can be decided on the local level. You know, talking about making local decisions and it seems to me that the school boards in this state, people in the state are able to make the decision without this Legislature mandating to them exactly what they have to do.