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defeat it all.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Peterson, as I understand your first part of your amendment says that anything that a school has to do out there that requires additional money to provide equal education for both sexes can be born by the state, is that correct? Okay. I really see a severe problem here because in my district I think they have people smart enough and I think in almost any district in the state smart enough to figure out whereby that could be a result of equal opportunity for both sexes. I really think it is a dangerous situation and I would really oppose it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, just very briefly, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I passed out some material. I think it really addresses this question pretty well. I realize there is a limited amount of time to read it but it is pretty well consolidated. A letter, for example, from Bob Devaney over at the University, a fellow that works over there; June Davis, Women's Athletic Director over there. It kind of explains the concepts we are doing are really pretty much being implemented. We just want to make sure they are in the future so to that degree it is merely a recitation in the legislation of what we hope will be the policy of the future. However, with respect to costs, theoretically there would never ever be a cost because theoretically we are all doing this anyway. And so there would be no way you could ever say, well, look, we would not have a girls bathroom except for the law. Well, that is not true but somebody could claim that and the state is going to be out financing girls' toilets and everything else in a school. It would become unworkable I think so I would urge rejection of the amendment. I sure understand what Senator Howard Peterson is concerned about but I think once he...somebody is going to have to tell Wesely about his laugh...anyway I do hope you reject the amendment and I know Howard, once he gets this information, gets a chance to read it, he will probably drop his amendment and support the bill. Well...maybe.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, if I could just elaborate a bit on the points that have been made. Remember that this bill is designed to pick up

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