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original bill that was ready to be passed on Final, 472A, was in many ways far stricter than this proposal but this is what the Education Committee has determined that they think is the best solution to this problem and I think we would all acknowledge it is a problem whether we agree or disagree with the Christian Schools. I'm willing basically to accept the proposal of the Education Committee and correct the areas of unconstitutionality. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe that Senator DeCamp has explained quite fully the bill. I would just add that those of you who had on your desk this morning and received yesterday from the Nebraska District and Missouri Lutheran Church, their endorsement of this amendment, I think that is important because they happen to be one of the church schools that extends across this whole state and who have been in compliance but they indicate to me that there are some areas that they are not in full agreement with the State Department of Education and they say that much of their time is spent in trying to enforce rules rather than to helping education. Likewise, I have placed at your desks this morning a testimony of one of the Catholic sisters who heads the diocese in Omaha, who is superintendent there and she speaks for all three dioceses of the Catholic Church. They likewise have indicated that there are some problems and I believe that this particular amendment will solve those problems and I would just urge the body to adopt the amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I guess I have a number of questions to ask Senator DeCamp or whoever would be able to answer them.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you respond please?

SENATOR KAHLE: I notice that we have the word, "waiver" in this amendment, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, about ten or eleven times and I'm a bit confused as to what is encompassed in the waiver portion and what is not. Now on the first part of it which would be Section 1 I guess or number one, you state that they must certify that they do not accept an state or federal funds and in connection with that maybe it would be easier to answer both of these questions together. What happens if the waiver is not granted and what responsibility does the Department of Education have?