

SENATOR DeCAMP: The way the bill is designed and the concept embodied by the Education Committee was that if they met certain standards, then an automatic waiver entitlement would be there once the Education Department or Department of Education, whatever it is called, determined that they had met those requirements and a waiver in a very limited and very narrow area would be granted but they would have to, as I say, fill out the forms and the specific waiver area of course has to do with teacher certification. That is the heart of the matter.

SENATOR KAHLE: What happens if the Education Department goes out and tries to inspect the school or to get these answers and they don't want to give them to them?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well they are entitled to get all this information and of course, safety, health, all of these things we're keeping in there. The waiver could never be granted until these things were complied with. That is why I had a six month period while they set up their specific lay board as designed by the Education Committee while they do all these things. I gave a grace period to get it all structured because I think there are going to be some structuring problems while they are doing this. But they couldn't have a waiver until they complied.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, the reason I've been asking these questions is because I want to get it in the record because these people told us all along that they wanted no oversight by the state.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, I think I would like to answer that because that is a legitimate question and that is the heart of the issue. 472A you remember had complete control in terms of health, safety, testing, so on and so forth. This comes from a little different direction. Answer, a waiver in certain areas still maintains controls, health and safety and on and on. The Christian Schools people came to me and they can tell you this themselves and they sat down in my office about a month or a month and a half ago and I advised them that I couldn't tell them what would happen on this bill if they accepted everything but I could guarantee them that they would gain absolutely nothing if they decided to continue fighting unless they reached major accommodations. It was at that point that they agreed to accept completely so to speak, completely, the proposal of the Education Committee with those factors corrected that Senator Koch himself, and I'm really disappointed he's not here because it is important. He was involved in this so intimately and, okay, he is here, but he can tell you he accepts these amendments...