

SENATOR NICHOL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...because they're correcting some areas that he had.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well the only comment I would have with the time that I have left is that I think we have come a long way but I would hope that the people who have worked so hard on this to get the Legislature to change and get the Department of Education to change are not just putting their foot in the door and we'll be back next year for even the possibility of getting rid of the waiver situation. With that, I think I could support this legislation but I certainly want to get that on the record. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to set in perspective if I could this amendment and what we are trying, what we're doing today. This amendment does not represent any kind of accommodation whatsoever. This amendment provides for the waiver of teacher certification and curriculum requirements and that is it. And that's all the argument was ever about. So don't have the question misframed for you. It is not a question of accommodation or compromise, it is an all or nothing proposition again. As I see our job here today it is basically to allow the maximum religious freedom consistent with the people's right to perpetuate the democratic society, the democratic society which is the ultimate protector of all religious freedom. How you define freedom, how you define religion is of course very important. Religion in its broadest sense encompasses of course all of life. It encompasses your church, certainly. It can encompass education. It can encompass your business interests and your daily business life. It can encompass all of your social institutions. In a deepest philosophic sense all of life is religion if you believe in God and an after life but our founding fathers did not seek and understood that you could not protect all religion in that broad sense. Why? Because they recognize that to allow religion to be recognized in the broadest sense was an invitation to anarchy, both political and social anarchy. Just to give you one example, if you allowed it to extend to business and if you said, therefore, the government has no right to tax business, then all the social fabric would come down. That is an extreme example. But there are other examples that we have already recognized in our social life, the well known example of bigamy and the Mormon's belief. Obviously we cannot at the same time have a functioning society and allow each and every individual to set up his own standards and his own breadth of definition as to what is religion and