

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Fowler is next but prior to Senator Fowler's speaking, Senator Fowler has some guests in the North balcony. They are 16 students, juniors and seniors from the Park West Christian School in Lincoln, Bob Wineberrer, Principal and Carl Godwin, Pastor. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to divide the question on this amendment. As Senator DeCamp indicated in his opening there are several distinct issues that the amendment covers and as is often the case I am more comfortable with some than others. I would like to separate out the section dealing with review of curriculum which is... would be subsection 2 of Section 2, lines 5 through 9 on I guess the second page of the amendment and then have that as one issue to review a curriculum and then the rest of the amendment as the other issue and I don't care which order we take them up in but I think they are distinct enough that they should be debated separately.

SENATOR NICHOL: Alright, so that the body will know that we are on subsection 2 of Section 2 and we will be voting on that separately. Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak to that amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Senator Fowler, as I understand, you want to separate out the "approved curriculum issue". Right? I assume that you're insisting an approved curriculum be subject to the State Department of Education?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, that would be my position.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Let me ask you a question then. Would you support the proposal, the rest of the bill if that amendment that you want were put on? In effect, if curriculum were still retained for the Department of Education?

SENATOR FOWLER: Let me clarify, I'm speaking only for myself. I'm not a member of the Education Committee.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I understand.

SENATOR FOWLER: I'm not involved in this issue. I wouldn't say that I have anyone else's proxy and that in no way should the statement be indicated as any side of support on any sort of agreement. But personally the, as I have reviewed this issue, the part ...and the amendment, the part that I cannot bring myself to agree with is to remove completely the curriculum review. The other sections that you do have I am willing to go along with. I'm not totally comfortable with removal of certified teachers but that seems to be a consensus