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the laws of this nation are based on the wrong God.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Vickers, that is the point that I am making. It seems that you've circulated material here giving the inference with your comments. Would you want the people who put this out, teaching your children without any oversight at all? Now I think the people that are asking for this concession or this waiver, it is my understanding that they are Evangelical, Christians, they are Fundamentalists and I don't see how you can say that the individuals who are supportive of this concept are the ones that have circulated this document. Now do you have any knowledge that they have participated in this? And the point I am attempting to make is, why was this material circulated giving the inference that these people, those that authored this document, are those that are supportive of what is attempted on behalf of the Evangelical and Fundamentalists here in our state?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Stoney, I didn't indicate that these people that circulated this document were in support of LB 652 or any other bill dealing with Christian Schools.

SENATOR STONEY: Well the inference is there, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: What I am inferring is that if we pass LB 652 and grant a waiver, these people will be able to take advantage of that waiver also.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR STONEY: Ladies and gentlemen, I am in support of the DeCamp and Peterson amendment and this is not a denominational issue whether a person be a Catholic, a Lutheran, a Presbyterian, whatever. The issue deals in essence with religious freedom and whether or not the people of this state who have the responsibility to God, not this state, to educate their children will be given that freedom. So I hope that you look upon it that way and that you search your conscience and that you prayerfully and carefully consider what you do with this vote. Ladies and gentlemen, it is very important that these people be given the right to educate their children, the children which were gifts of God given to them and I would ask that you support them in supporting the Peterson and the DeCamp amendment to LB 652. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, you have something on the desk.