

know what the school is about. So what I am saying is let's give them a chance for four years, let the Legislature review it. There is no data as far as I know of how successful they can be, none. But in four years this Legislature, whether I am here or not, can review it one more time and I think it is appropriate we allow these people to carry on an education which they think is an environment for their children that is better than the public schools. I may not agree with them but the point is, give them a chance because I think we've spent far too much time on this issue and I will go on public record. If this school drives the public schools out of business then we can't compete very well and I don't think they will. So that is why I am asking for this amendment to put a sunset on this bill. The Legislature can review it. By that time we'll have enough data to find out whether or not that school should exist. That is the end of my sermon for today. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: I only have one light that came on after we have taken up the Koch amendment. Is there anyone other than Senator DeCamp who wishes to speak to the Koch amendment? Okay, Senator Vickers first.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, this is an unusual debate today since we have members of the Education Committee on obvious opposite sides of this issue. Senator Koch just gave you some good reasons for his position as the chairman of the Education Committee. I'm the vice chairman of that committee and I put a few hours in this issue myself and in spite of what some people might think back of the glass doors or up in the balconies or other places in this state I don't consider myself the worst heathen in this state either. I don't think this is an issue of Christians versus heathens. I happen to think there is Christians on both sides of this issue and it makes me a little bit upset when some people seem to think that if you don't follow the line that is being laid out here, you must be against God and apple pie and motherhood. I don't think that is true at all. I consider one of the major portions of my job and I would hope that each of us as legislators would, protecting the future not only for those constituents who we have alive and voting for us today but also for those future generations yet unborn. I think that is the major job of any government or any legislators. Now what Senator Koch is proposing is that we are going to take four years and we are going to experiment with some young people's lives. Now I'm not ready to do that. If that is all right with you to experiment for four years then fine, but I think those young people and their lives are too important for us to decide that we're going to look at it again four years later and see whether or not it is a good idea.