

"Well I guess I know who you take your orders from." I have not taken my orders from anyone and I tried to be as fair minded as possible on this issue. Now, colleagues, I am going to speak to you quite frankly and I am going to speak to you out of the experience that I have had in this issue. Basically Senator Koch's sunset provision which in a way puts a stamp of approval on Senator DeCamp's amendment allows his amendment, Senator DeCamp's amendment allows for striking the most essential clause of LB 652 and that is providing for some equivalent resume of information and talent in order to be qualified to teach, not necessarily going to a state university or a college system, not getting necessarily accredited hours, not getting certification but getting some modicum of knowledge and skills so that the child is not subjected to the totalitarianism of a curriculum. Now one of the fears among the Christian Fundamentalists is the totalitarianism of the state, which I quite disagree with, but to me even more totalitarian is when you take a national curriculum that hasn't had benefit of being generated by the local school board as far as the needs of their children and impose it on children with teachers that profess to teach without any requisite knowledge or skills in that field. Colleagues, if you can subject children to that kind of a process, although it may work sometimes well, other times it may not, you're going to have to reconcile yourself to the dilemma that may occur in the future and this is where the problem lays and I think it should be discussed and voted upon in that respect. Thank you, members, for listening.

SENATOR NICHOL: Is there anyone else that has a light on that wishes to speak to the Koch amendment? Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak to the amendment? Okay. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members, I'm certainly not going to take a lot of time. I stand only to say that I support Senator Koch in his proposed amendment for these reasons. First of all let me say that once you become a committee chairman by a vote of the people of the Legislature you are expected to provide some leadership and you become dedicated to provide that leadership. Senator Koch in his attempt to resolve a very, very difficult situation like we have before us this morning, I know has given much thought and much attention to what we possibly could do to some extent resolve the debate that is before us. He has demonstrated that leadership and what is Senator Koch attempting to do with this amendment? I do not think, as Senator Vickers said, that we should treat this as an experiment but I think Senator Koch is saying, let's give these schools the opportunity to demonstrate what