

a success. I did not want to agree to legislation that would completely open the door and I've been struggling with this. I don't exactly know, part of the time I wasn't quite sure which way I was going to vote but we have been concerned about these children being subjected to all kinds of abuses such as was indicated by the flier that Senator Vickers circulated but in regard to that I would say that the people like Jones that took his congregation to South America, they are going to meet the requirements. We're not going to prevent those by insisting on certification. We will always have those and if we structure our laws so strict that everyone has to fit into a situation so that we prevent these wild eyed radicals from having a school, we're going to have a system that none of us can live under. I am going to support Senator Koch's amendment. I am going to support the bill that Senator DeCamp and Peterson are proposing. I don't think that the people that have wanted this type of freedom are going to hurt the future of this country in any way. I have said that if public education cannot stand this kind of competition then it deserves to be destroyed. I think that public education will come out of this stronger as a result of this competition. I am convinced that it will. We do need to have a look at ourselves once in a while. As regard to that three legged stool that I've heard referred to this morning, yes, those are important. Compulsory education, curriculum and the type of teachers we have, but that doesn't mean that those legs are necessarily can't be shortened or lengthened in some respect that those legs are all as strong presently as they need to be. I kind of agree with Senator Koch because I grew up in the same circumstances. I lived a little farther from school. I lived a mile from the school but the teachers all stayed at our home. It was a rural school and the teachers had the same kind of background that he spoke of. I believe the public schools are unnecessarily threatened by what they consider what is going to happen to our children. I think these people are very dedicated and they are going to see to it that their children get a good education. We haven't proven exactly and this is one of the bad aspects of public education that has always bothered me, it has been very difficult for us to prove just what good education is, what curriculum is necessary. It seemed like the only thing that we really ever come up with when we make these surveys is it is important to attend school and it is important to study but really it hasn't mattered what people have studied. I don't really mean that altogether but there is an indication that the two legs of that stool, the curriculum and the attendance are probably more important than the third leg, the certification, and we do have two legs of that stool in this bill and I would urge you to support it.