

hatred as much as a child could hate for the white individuals who were putting me through this and I learned my lessons about white people and what they would do because there were occasions when my parents came to school about various things and the white teacher would lie on me to my parents and I would say in my child's way, "She can lie to my parents, she can lie to the principal but she can't lie to me. I know that she is lying." And I am a child and this woman that I'm supposed to respect is lying on me and I had no help. So my obligation and my job were cut out for me by the public school system. It was segregated to such an extent in Omaha that it took a lawsuit to even knock down the structural segregation and there is still discrimination in that system.

SENATOR NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll speak again if I have the opportunity.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Nichol and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the DeCamp-Peterson amendment as is currently written and ultimately in opposition of the bill if it is adopted. And let me state as briefly as I can my reasons without repeating so many of the good arguments that have already been expressed. I think the worst thing that we can do here today is write a law and then eventually pass a law that inadequately addresses a problem that is before us. I think that what Senator DeCamp and Senator Peterson are now presenting us is one-half a loaf. It is a half a loaf that is not going to satisfy the proponents of this legislation and it is a half a loaf that is going to lead to a lot of the objections that those of us who are opposing the legislation have anyway. I think the biggest mistake that we can do is to pass a law that is not going to satisfy anybody but at the same time, because we cannot anticipate how this certification requirement repeal is going to have effect around the state, could lead to all kinds of unanticipated changes. Now Senator Beutler talked earlier about the effect that might eventually spread out into the private schools because we have to understand that at root is not only a religious issue but an economic issue. It is much cheaper to run a private school whether it is a small school or a large school if you don't have to hire certified teachers. If you don't have to hire teachers that have college degrees and have otherwise met the certification requirements, if you can just bring people off the street to run your instruction for you, and if you have a small private school, obviously it is much more economical if you don't have to hire a certified