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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the indefinite postponement of the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Excuse me. Record vote has been requested. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1072-1073, Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion fails. Yes, go on to the next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I had a motion from Senator Chambers to indefinitely postpone. Senator Wiitala had that same motion. Mr. President, Senator DeCamp, did you want to offer your....Mr. President, Senator Chambers would then move to amend the bill: By striking Section 2, subsection (1).

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I am going to try now that I have gotten that other incident out of the way to talk about the bill itself although I think this type of bill would allow the ugliness that I talked of earlier to happen with a vengeance in one of these kind of schools which, in effect, has no state regulation whatsoever. If certification has a purpose, that purpose is not primarily to benefit the one holding the certification but to ensure that the one who is the recipient of what that person offers will receive a quality product. In other words, certification is to ensure that the children get a decent education. Merely holding the certification won't guarantee that a person is a good teacher but certification and standards are merely goals. It gives you a measuring rod. Now if we want to say that a teacher is incompetent in the public schools, we have some standards by which to judge. If they fail to meet this particular standard or the other one, we can say that that person is incompetent and therefore can be removed. If you have no standards whatsoever, anything goes and the attempt to remove any teacher would have to be considered arbitrary and favoritism because there is no standard by which to judge that individual. There are shams throughout this bill. By the way "hypocrite" simply meant an actor in the days of Greece. When the actor put on the mask, that was a "hypocrite". Something is behind a mask. Pirate ships flew false flags. They wouldn't put the Jolly Roger which is the skull and crossbones and let you know what they are until maybe you were