

stone to continuing education but, please, have at least as a minimum a requirement for a high school education before that individual has the responsibility of teaching others. I urge your adoption of this amendment to the proposed amendment before us. With great sincerity I ask your help in adopting this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are discussing the Marsh amendment to the Beutler amendment. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I have a secret. I would like to share it with you all here, if anybody wants to listen. It is a true secret. It is how we ever got here on the Christian school bill in the first place, and Larry Stoney, if he is around somewhere, might just verify what I say, but it all started with an amendment like this one time that most members of the Legislature misunderstood, at least I think they did because it was Larry's bill as I recall, wasn't it, Larry? And a maximum that was put in the law for one purpose was interpreted by the Board of Education to be a minimum and therein lies the problem and why we are talking for hours last year and hours this year. Larry Stoney had a bill in here to set, as I recall, Larry, and you just shake your head if I am right, minimum standards for teacher certification, wasn't that what it was about, at least that was the impression we had, a few years ago. And the idea was in this minimum-maximum thing that we would make it clear that if you had a college degree, the idea being that could be the maximum required but the maximum was interpreted by the Board of Education to be a minimum and they adopted a rule like that, and in conjunction with that interpretation came the requirement that you have certain courses then in the college which might have nothing to do with reading, writing or arithmetic, quite frankly, and from thereon things started pyramiding and dominoing and that is how we ended up here today. So I am going to oppose the amendment, not because I think it might be a bad or good idea, but because the bill was designed to overcome this very problem because of a misinterpretation one time. Senator Beutler says grade school. If they followed the identical reasoning that gave us Rule 14, if you followed the identical path, then you would say by law, in effect, and adopt rules and say, now grade school education is it. That is all we are looking at. I guess I don't want to create that danger either. I think if you will take the bill in its original form, and as Senator Koch says, try the shoe on for awhile and see how it works, you might be surprised, and to those that have expressed, my friend Senator Chambers, such concern about these parents and their children being abused, I repeat once again, take the time to check some of these children and some of their