

parents. I would guess you would discover that they have less crime and less problems, less disciplinary problems than just about anybody and those parents are as much or more concerned in taking care of their children as anybody. I just don't think the horror stories you raise are the ones you need to be afraid of. I am going to vote against both of these amendments, as I say because of maybe falling in that trap of the minimum-maximums and things for one purpose being interpreted as another and that is how this whole thing started about four or five years ago.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the next order of business is Senator Remmers. We are speaking to the Beutler amendment, the Marsh amendment to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I know that when I speak in anger I am usually sorry for what I have said but I will have to confess that I am getting a little angry. We have been debating this issue for a long time. The debate was at a pretty high level but I am afraid these last amendments are the form of ridicule of those of us that did vote for the bill. Frankly, I had a very difficult time coming to a conclusion of where I stood on this issue but I think right now we are in the ridiculous and I resent it. I shall vote against the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. We are forgetting another group of people, Senator Marsh, the Amish people. I tried to say that earlier today. We are not just talking about the Fundamentalists or the Evangelicals, we are talking about the Amish people and other religious interests. This amendment you are going to put on right now puts the Amish in an intolerable position. I think both amendments are unnecessary and I agree with Senator Remmers. There are some of us who believe we ought to give it a chance and obviously there are some of you who are going to be persistent and you are going to nit pick it all day long. I am prepared to stay here as long as we have to because I am getting to the point where I feel this body must demonstrate that we do have some compassion and we are going to give those people a chance, at least for four years, to see whether or not it works.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I do not think the issue, as angry as anybody might become