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and I can understand Senator Remmers' feeling, is not a matter of anger or what position somebody took or how much trouble they had arriving at that position nor is it one of compassion, Senator Koch. For if it were one of compassion and concern, the North Freeway would have been stopped by the Legislature a long time ago. So we know that those words are used and applied as we choose but on this particular amendment we have got to realize that when people take an issue like this and bring it into the Legislature, there are some people who are not going to be bulldozed into accepting those provisions regardless. So it is a touchy, sticky situation and I, for one, I don't know how others feel, will not be beaten down or made during a moment of physical weariness, which I don't feel right now but I know others do, cast a vote that I will be sorry about later. When people who have knowledge of what education is about and what it is to achieve begin to do ridiculing things like the cartoons that are hitting the President and people begin to say, well, gee, I hadn't even thought of that. The time for us to think is now. This is the time for us to hammer these things out, not give up because we are emotionally involved. I don't think anybody could be more angry about the way this bill is being handled than I have been and stay constantly about the way the North Freeway is handled but what difference does that make to anybody else. We all have an understanding of what we are to do when we are in this legislative chamber. We perceive our jobs differently and we carry them out differently. That is why the admonition was given, "The race is not given to the swift nor to the strong but to he that endureth unto the end", and the end is not yet. There is a lot to do on this bill. There are people who have worked on various Senators for a long period of time. To discuss this bill even if we have discussed it an entire eight hours today, who out there who are parts of the public would say that an issue this heavy was overdiscussed when it was talked about only eight hours and could have impact for generations? It can produce generations of uneducated children who will indeed become problems later. While people are very young and very small, they can be dominated and dictated to and made to walk a chalk line because they are under the physical dominance of parents, school or whatever, but you let them get the opportunity to kick the traces and they will show you a thing or two. They will be the ones who have the psychological problems in a society that is making such rapid technological advances. A lot of us who are adults don't even try to keep up with them. These children will have to live in that world and function in that world. You can't take them to the little Church in the Wildwood and isolate them from the rest of the world and say we have well-intentioned people, we believe

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