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and concluded by saying "and that is the problem with the world today". That is the kind of story Senator DeCamp told so maybe though he is never right he will someday be President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Chambers' amendment, and without that amendment could not support advancing the bill. It seems to me that I certainly support the concept that people who out of sincere religious conviction feel that their children cannot be in the public schools should have that option to set up their own school system and even have their own teachers with their own requirements for those teachers but someplace in society someone has to determine whether or not that school in fact is based on a foundation of religious principles or is a school of economic convenience or a school of political persuasion. Someplace in society we have to lodge that power. It cannot be an automatic grant, and for that reason someone must have discretion. Now Senator Koch seemed to feel that someplace in the bill discretion was allowed but I think not as I read the bill and as I understand the principle behind it. Now Senator Chambers said it is a mechanical process, that is if certain forms are filled out, then the waiver shall be granted. I do not think that is satisfactory in terms of being able to determine whether or not a school should be exempt from laws that I think that we should have in place "unless they are offensive to someone's religion". Now I supported the amendments. I opposed killing the bill but I believe that unless there is discretion lodged someplace within this structure to decide whether or not there is in fact a sincere religious denominational group forming a school and asking on the basis of their religious beliefs for that exemption, unless we provide that discretion someplace in this bill, we may in fact be opening it far too wide. For that reason I support Senator Chambers' amendment. As I indicate, I could not support the bill without that discretion being lodged someplace.

SENATOR HEFNER PRESIDING

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if they are sincere in their goal of wanting to ensure that the criteria are met, then this amendment will not accomplish that goal. Let me repeat, if what the purpose, as Senator Fowler said, is to ensure that they are "proper