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I will speak to the amendment to the amendment and both amendments at one time and will not stand to speak again on this issue this afternoon. I am aware of the various amendments that probably are going to be offered. I think this body today should make one decision and make it very quickly. You either are going to accept 652 as it is and let it live for four years and see what happens or you are going to kill it today and tell these people to go out and find another way. We might as well come straight up with it and get the issue over. I will not accept any amendment on this proposed legislation. It is the same amendment we had last time. Senator Marsh, Senator Beutler, and some other people wanted to put some kind of a minimal requirement on for teachers and that is not going to work because it applies right against what the evangelicals think, certain mennonites and others. So I ask you not to accept the Peterson amendment, the Remmers-Sieck amendment, and let's vote the bill straight up or down on Final Reading or right here on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp speaking to the amendment to the amendment. All right, Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I will support this amendment because I feel that they do need the time if the amendment does pass. I am not a strong supporter of the amendment but I see some danger, not because of the Christian schools that we are faced with now, but because what could happen with some other schools in homes which would not have required teachers and I am a little fearful of that and I thought this would protect that. I am not going to say I won't support the bill if the amendment doesn't pass but this is the reason that I put the amendment on.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't believe that I could accept that amendment in the form that Senator Peterson has offered it. I think if we are going to make a four year requirement, that there should be some progress along the way and I think there should be some stipulations that they immediately proceed to get this type of training so I would oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, I think that probably the best way that I can say what I want to say is to echo