

what Senator Koch said. We have dealt with this a long time. We have taken a lot of time. Our committee has worked desperately to come out with something and I would like to conclude my very short remarks by saying that we have been promised by those that are involved in the Christian schools they are going to turn out a good product and I am willing to give them that four years time to do it and I think they will prove to us they will. Now if we are going to start dilly-dallying around with amendments here and amendments there, we are going to come out with nothing and I am willing to take a vote on the bill. If it fails, it fails and we will have to take the consequences, whatever they may be, and I think you ought to vote the bill up or down just as it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: I believe...are there any others wishing to speak on the amendment to the amendment? I have no others wishing to speak. I think, Senator Peterson, you may close on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, there are two good reasons for this particular amendment, two good reasons, Senator Remmers, for having the four year period in. As you know, the bill has a sunset on it in four years. This sets this group on notice that four years from now when we review this legislation that we would expect them to have met these qualifications. It seems to me that it is as good a notice as you can give. By the same token, it also gives them the necessary period of time in which to meet this qualification. There is nothing in it that says the State Department of Education is going to be supervising or anything of that nature. I think that is the real key, the real question, that this group of Christians have is there fundamental commitment that they cannot be under the direction of a Department of this state and, in reality, what this would be would be legislation as I see it to make it possible for them to meet the qualifications the two desire. I have no objection to it but I do think we have to be reasonable in giving them that opportunity and I think that at the end of the four year period this Legislature can take a good look at these schools and say either they are doing a decent job or they are not and make the decision at that time.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is the adoption of the Howard Peterson amendment to the Remmers-Sieck amendment of LB 652. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 25 votes. We are on Select File. Senator Peterson, what do you wish to do? Record the vote.