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single piece of evidence that says teacher certification proves or creates higher achievement for children. Now I wish it did, I wish it did, but it doesn't. In fact, the only piece of information from an impartial source that I can find is from the Commission of Education, the Education Commission of the States, pardon me, is a compilation of national statistics. And in a report on private education it states, "The scant amount of testing evidence thus far suggests that the underground alternatives are educationally adequate."

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR LANDIS: "In two litigated cases before and after, in a Nebraska case, 'In re Rice' and the State versus Shaver case the children did better in an unauthorized school than they did in public schools. Prove up, Senator Beutler. Prove up, Senator Hoagland. Make the balancing test and show us the evidence. You have forty some states upon which to draw us that children are prejudiced by honoring their parents' religious convictions and their desire to exercise first amendment rights and privileges to religious freedom. As far as the idea of certification goes, I wonder if those who defend the freedom of the press would submit that to certification or would submit any of the other parts of the first amendment to the kind of balancing test we do here and allow only the hypothetical claim that the state's interests are vindicated..."

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to justify a piece of legislation. We certainly don't with respect to national security. We want to prove those cases out. We should in this case as well.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I'd like to call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those that wish to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Have you all voted? I'm going to call the vote. Call the vote. Record it.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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