

mind when we talk about the Bill of Rights. Those amendments do not grant rights to people. Those are not rights granted by the Constitution. Those are rights protected from infringement by the state. Those are rights that should exist independently of a Constitution, state or whatever and the Bill of Rights protects those rights against infringement by legislative bodies. I don't see this educational question as one of practicing religion. If we are talking about religion then it is not education. If it is not education there should be no involvement by the state of any kind. Now when we talk about these kind of matters I think some of the best discussion occurs on the floor of the Legislature. These issues will force people to think. Some think better than others. Some express their thoughts better than others but nevertheless, there is a thinking process which occurs on these issues that may be lacking on others. One other point that I would like to make crystal clear. I think a person can believe whatever he or she chooses as wrong or lame brained as it may seem to me. Religion is a very personal private relationship between the individual and whatever or whomever it is that individual worships but I notice something when we talk about granting the power of adults to impose religious ideas and practices on their children. Let's take for example a Christian Science believer. Now the Christian Science believer may believe in Christian Science for his or her child but when it comes to his or her own health, he or she may go to the doctor or to the Mayo Clinic. So self-preservation, self-survival becomes very, very important and paramount when time comes to apply these things to ourselves if a detriment can result. I have to be concerned about the welfare of the children and I don't think that even the best of...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...intentioned parents will always be aware of what is best for their children because they may not be well educated themselves. They may not be aware of the types of things that are needed to make it in this world. So although this amendment may be a step in the direction that these schools ought to go, it is not far enough and this is what I will say. If this amendment is adopted and there is a propensity on the part of the Legislature to accept LB 652, I have an amendment up there to do away with the requirement of certification for any teacher in any school and I'll explain why when that time comes.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.