

April 5, 1982

LB 652

The Legislature reconvened at 6:30 p.m., Senator Lamb presiding.

SENATOR LAMB: Please record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Next amendment on LB 652.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Newell.

SENATOR LAMB: Would the Sergeant at Arms try to find Senator Newell. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell to present his amendment to LB 652.

SENATOR NEWELL: Will the Clerk read the amendment.

CLERK: Read Newell amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment that I offer is an amendment that I think will provide this Legislature with some understanding of whether this issue in fact, the religious issue that the proponents have argued that it is, or whether it is an economic issue, which I believe is the primary purpose for LB 652. There has been much said about the various compromises which have gone on into LB 652, but those amendments and those compromises which have been adopted really are not amendments or compromises, they are only attempts to make LB 652 more politically palatable. In fact, the bill, as it is presently written, does not make any great change in the issue of certification other than to significantly reduce the requirements that are applied statewide to church schools or non-church schools. This motion would. . . this amendment would probably be better presented before we adjourned for dinner than it is after we adjourned from dinner. With that in mind, I will withdraw it, although I think the point ought to be made, it seems like very few people care at this hour and maybe that is the best time to try and advance the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is withdrawn. The next amendment on the bill.