SENATOR JOHNSON: The only thing that goes beyond fire and
safety is the expression, "protection of children". Senator
Beutler asked me a question three or four weeks ago on
General File what that meant and I said that means physical
protection of children. That is it. Nothing goes to programs,
nothing goes to curriculum, nothing goes to teacher certifica-
tion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, lets talk about that. Protection of
children. There are some people that think, for example, that
a child should be protected from what they read, what they
see, what they are told, what they are taught, isn't that
protection of children? Isn't that open enough and broad
enough for somebody at the Department of Education under some
rule making authority to come up and say, well children that
don't learn this or do learn that or. . .are exposed to this
are not being protected. Isn't that wide open for that? And
if not, why not?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I think protection has a specific
definition. I think protection refers to the physical
well being of a child. I don't think it refers to the
kind of values that are imparted to a child. I think if
we had wanted to make it clear that the Department of
Public Welfare could regulate educational quality, we would
have said that. But we made it clear that the Department
of Public Welfare can only regulate health safety and protec-
tion of children. . .

SENATOR DeCAMP: Where does it say health safety and physical
protection like you are talking?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Not in these amendments, Senator DeCamp, but
in the original bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Does it talk about strictly physical protect-
ion in the original bill?

SENATOR JOHNSON: The word is protection and as I said,
Senator, it does not use the word "physical protection" it
just uses the word "protection".

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I guess I will be honest with you. I
have grave reservations based upon how I know administrative
departments interpret their authority in the broadest way
possible, it seems, when they want, and it seems that you
are leaving it wide open for exactly that interpretation.
I have got some concerns, I will say that.