

to teach our teachers, then that should be in another bill and not in this one because I've visited with the Urban League, who were proponents of the bill, I have given Dr. Benning's statements, who was also a proponent of the bill. I think we need to stick with ethnic and racial solely and that is again all I have to say about it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby on the Beck amendment, followed by Senators Pirsch and Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I won't repeat what I said before because Senator Withem brought that out very adequately, and I thank you for that. I am against this amendment and will continue to be. Pluralistic, I think, covers a lot of groups of people, a lot of questions that might come up in the classroom, and I know that the people who want this amendment don't really want to discuss certain issues. I will point out again, as others have, this is a course for teachers. The teachers are not going to be instructed to teach about the Ku Klux Klan. They are going to be able to meet these problems as they might come up in the classroom and teach them with some sensitivity. I was criticized yesterday by one of the people whom I know is behind this amendment, and she is not a state senator, a citizen. I was criticized by her for voting for LB 89, the teacher's bill. I think that was insensitive on her part because she is against the public education system. Our teachers simply must have training and the right kind of attitudes when they go into the classroom, and when you come to religion, I don't care if you are agnostic, atheist, whatever you are, this week in particular, I think it is ironic, perhaps, that we are talking about this issue in Holy Week, if we have any feeling for our human beings, for our human relationships with other people. They are afraid of the word "lifestyle" because it might be different than theirs. I don't criticize other people's lifestyle. If they do things I don't think they should do, I hate the sin, not the person. This is what we are talking about in the classroom, teachers simply must have the feeling and be able to cope with these questions when children bring them to them, and little ones will bring the questions up sometimes, too, because they hear the words and they don't understand what it is about. So, please, vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch.