

vote, I may just not vote because I don't really want to vote against it but I don't really want to vote for it and maybe by Select File I will try and bring an amendment back that would take care of that particular part of it. But I think Senator Smith brought out some things about that particular thing too, is that the qualifications of someone to speak and educate about that subject. There are so many facets and so many parts of the death issue and the dying issues these days, for instance, the living will and so on. Well, I don't think that the average teacher even wants...even a health teacher doesn't necessarily want to go into those things. And I understand that it's local option and so on, but you're putting a burden on the local school boards and the local faculties, the local teachers when you enlarge the curriculum and enlarge the list of the things that they may or may not teach. So I guess the reason I wanted to speak the second time so, Senator Schimek, if I don't vote, you understand why. I just have some mixed feelings here today and by Select File I will try and get my act together. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, this bill, the intent and the scope of it, the scope is tremendous and these are things...some of these things we do need and perhaps are, as Senator Withem said, are already happening in the local school district. But, like Senator Crosby and Senator Smith, I have a little question here for Senator Schimek and it's when...when in the paper here you mentioned that all things do die and we're not immortal. And I just have a question and it's this. Now...and I concur with Senator Crosby, looking at this as a classroom teacher, I think, you know, we...religion becomes...and dying is tied into that, and that becomes a personal thing. And a teacher may bring biases into the classroom that she can't help or he can't help and so, I guess, I'm just looking at it as the many recognized religions. I think this may be the one area of the bill that may cause us problems, Senator Schimek. And my question is this, there is many recognized religions, you know, we talked about that in the multicultural bill, and they believe that the body is mortal but that the body does have a soul and that that soul is immortal. Now, you know, Shirley MacLaine, I was just reading something from...of hers, and she believes that we simply die in a reincarnated state then and take on another