

educate the delicate and easily influenced minds of children, then it should do so with the truth. I will support Senator Lindsay's motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I am obviously at a somewhat I suppose of a disadvantage because I cannot stand here and recite the calendar of the Supreme Court or whether or not in fact this would place the issue, and, in fact, I don't know that it does place LB 7 ahead of the 243 pending cases currently before the court or not, and I rather suspect they can make that decision with or without this. I do believe that apparently the Attorney General, in his opinion, which I know some others can question, but I do believe that his opinion indicated, and the only reason this bill is here, that it could have an effect if enacted this year upon those pending cases now before the court. It is my understanding that conceivably the Supreme Court could take those 243 cases, and I may be tripping up on the use of words in the court system, but I have understood that they could do I believe it is a summary dismissal and just attach it with no further clarification. It is my understanding the way the bill is drafted that it, in fact, does become a part of the consideration of the 243 pending cases. In all probability, that means they are rebriefed, and if that is true, and I believe it is, that then that provides the opportunity which I have stated on the floor a number of other times earlier for greater clarification in what the Supreme Court eventually does with this issue. As I recall, the vast majority of this body signed a brief to go to the Supreme Court for a rehearing, the purpose of which, as I understood it, was to hopefully get further clarification. As I recall, that move was led by the Revenue Committee. I signed it as well. Frankly, I signed it with some hesitancy, not because I thought it was wrong, but I have a rather firm belief in the separation of powers, and I wasn't sure it was appropriate for me, as an individual legislator, as a representative of the body in the Legislature to file a brief with the court. I thought our actions ought to be separate and distinct, but, nevertheless, I joined in the brief in signing it. But I firmly believe that the issue is going to be expedited in every sense. My interest in this has nothing to do with elections as long as that is coming up. I first was involved in this back in August. I only became