

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President...Madam President, excuse me, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Hall's amendment. (Chambers amendment appears on page 1798 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, if you follow me, you would turn to page...in the Journal...Senator Hall's amendment begins on page 1450, and my amendment to his amendment will be on page 1452 of the Journal. And I'm describing it in this fashion so there is no doubt about which line number 5 I want to amend. At the top of page 1452, in line 5, after "national origin" would be inserted these words, and I'll ask the Clerk...Mr. Clerk, would you read those words, because I didn't keep a copy. I want the precise words that I put in.

CLERK: The new language, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CLERK: Okay. After the word "origin", insert "or permit the infliction of corporal punishment."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what this would do, members of the Legislature, is indicate that any school permitting corporal punishment would...a student attending such a school would not be eligible for this benefit. We passed a bill that prohibited corporal punishment in public schools. I have always been against corporal punishment. When I first came down here, I was offering legislation to try to get it out of the schools. Like the 17 year locust, I labored, underground, and after 17 years the Legislature did enact a bill that would prohibit corporal punishment in all public schools, and that bill was signed into law. A majority of the legislators had to support that bill and, in fact, an overwhelming majority did. Since an attempt is being made here to equate private education and public education, in terms of how you're going to allocate benefits and burdens, the same kind of benefits that are available to the children who attend public schools, and I consider it a benefit to not have to face the prospect of somebody inflicting physical