

punishment on you, those same benefits should be available to children attending any school which is going to be recognized, by state law, in such a way as to grant that school some kind of boon or benefit. No matter how we discuss Senator Hall's amendment, the ultimate benefit is going to go to the private schools. They are strapped, whether they are parochial schools, profane schools, secular schools, or however we would describe them, the nonpublic schools are strapped for money. So different stratagems have been attempted, down through the years, to find a way to help those schools survive. Senator Hall's amendment is such a stratagem. And when I use that term, I don't mean it in a pejorative sense. But because of various federal court rulings, and in some cases state court rulings, it has been difficult to contrive a plan whereby the public can be asked in some way to support private education. Since Senator Hall's amendment is moving in that direction, and I'm not discussing the merits or demerits of that amendment right now, the proposition that I'm offering should be a part of it. No child attending any facility which purports to provide education should be confronted by the prospect of physical abuse, and that's what I call it. Teachers have a responsibility to inculcate knowledge through persuasion, pedagogy, whatever that would include, but it definitely does not include the infliction of physical pain or punishment. Whenever an adult is dealing with a child in a learning situation and the adult's name is not Pavlov, and the child is not deemed a canine, then we should not use this idea of conditioned response whereby we tell this child, if you don't give the correct answer, expect pain to be inflicted on you. If you carry the wrong expression on your face, if you're late for class, if the teacher happens to come to school in a bad mood, then the one who is most vulnerable, the one least able to protect himself or herself shall be the victim of the laying on of hands, and not laying on of hands in the way that Jesus talked about. He said, suffer the little children to come unto me, for such is the kingdom of heaven. He did not say, bring the little children to me and make them suffer. Many schools, many teachers unfortunately have that attitude that these little children are to be victims, they are to be outlets for aggression, they are to be the objects for sexual gratification. Many studies have been undertaken, and the conclusion has been that those who enjoy inflicting pain on others have a deep, underlying current of sexual, I would call it, perversion coursing through them. Much corporal punishment in the schools partakes of that. They want to bend the child over, in some cases they want to drop the drawers, raise the