

constitutional principles there, and remember this, 2000 years ago they fed Christians to the lions in an attempt to convince them to think a little different. It didn't work then. I seriously doubt that feeding them to the NSEA for the next three, four, or five, seven years is going to make that big a difference or going to change them. Now what about the alternative methods proposed by Senator Vickers? Well, if you were listening, I think there are certain contradictions in what he is proposing and the philosophy espoused on this floor by the education people when they oppose any of this legislation. Let me give you a few of those very quickly. Contradiction #1, the Nebraska State Education Association, the Nebraska State School Boards, the education people in general in this state, and particularly my good friend Senator Vickers have traditionally opposed any teacher testing and any student testing, absolutely almost with the fervor of a religion have they opposed those things. Yet they propose as a solution to test the Christian school students and the teachers under the control of the State Department of Education. Contradiction, it is not a weaker law or an accommodation. It is the final act of obliteration of what remains of their ability to function, one additional or two additional tools to wipe them out. Senator Vickers said the state is doing this and he is proposing this because they have got to ensure parental responsibility in educating these children. Now I ask you, all 49 of us, do you know of any group that has exhibited probably more parental responsibility in the education and care and concern of their youth than these people? Do you really believe in your own minds that the Amish and the Mennonite are the real dangers in our society or that the Fundamentalist children are the ones committing the crimes and having the drug problems? Do you really believe that is where the problem lies...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...people who give additional effort to educate their children and still pay all of their state taxes in addition to doing this completely separate? I know that Senator Vickers and the education community are concerned about education of children and properly they