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"Flying Circus", and it is a circus when you think about the helicopter landing in the churchyard in the defiance of our state laws, even federal laws with that helicopter. Everett Sileven has already said that he will not accept this bill because the amendment was not attached originally. I do not see any point in voting for a bill that will not satisfy this demagogue who has sworn he will be back with a thousand more of these carpetbaggers from other states to tell us how to run our state. I think I said before when we discussed this bill, if Reverend Sileven does not want to accept teacher certification, then the next argument will be anyone who under the guise of a church wants to open a hospital can say, "We do not need registered nurses. We do not need certified doctors. We have God on our side. We are special. We know how to operate. We know how to care for the sick. We don't have to have licensed people." I oppose this bill for this reason, senators. I do not want to see the State of Nebraska set a precedent and become a testing ground for everybody who wants to prove a point and says, "Hey, go to Nebraska if you really want to change a law because those senators there cave in real easy. All you have to do is threaten them with an economic boycott, go on network television, tell a lot of lies, tell them that you are not allowed to teach religion", when nobody in this state has said you may not teach religion. Nobody has said how they should teach religion. They have not been denied their religious freedom, but truth does not matter to Sileven and his supporters and I have to say those who will not speak out against his lies are by their silence doing the same thing. I do not believe in the sincerity of the leader, Sileven, when I read how he has used the seven fathers and his brag that he has already raised over a \$100,000. I think he is probably a pseudo Elmer Gantry. I have here one of his own personal advertisements, personal reply to Pastor Everett Sileven, and on it is marked "I have enclosed at least \$20. Please mail me my personally autographed copy of Pastor Sileven's book." I tell you, this is a good scam. I thought I might go into the travel agency business. Maybe I ought to go into religion. It looks like there is more money in that. Bumper stickers that he advertises, he paid 14 cents for them, but they are selling them for a dollar; paperback book that he has

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