

being careful of a yellow school bus just because it contains oil barrels or kegs or canvas or rugs that some fellow is going to lay in your house. If you are careful one time for a bus, why shouldn't you be careful all the time for a bus or any vehicle. I just don't see the need for the bill in the first place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I would like to clarify a few things that have been said. For one thing, it doesn't say that all buses have to be painted that yellow, even though it might be carrying kids for some other purpose. It says that those that are painted yellow have to have the color changed when they are sold. That is one point. The other thing is that these school buses that we are talking about, the yellow school buses, are the ones that have the sign on the side that says stop, have all the flashing lights on. They are traffic control buses. They do control traffic, and if you don't stop when they say stop, you are going to be in a lot of trouble. Now many, many of these buses, hundreds of them, have been sold to people for recreational vehicles. They have been sold to churches to transport Sunday school kids or whatever they want to use them for. Some of them are in very bad repair, by the way, and I am afraid sometime we are going to have to do something about that because somebody is going to get killed with those things. They are worn out by the schools and then they are sold to someone else and they are used. The purpose of this bill is to protect those school buses that do haul the kids and that do have the signs on them and the flashing lights and we even have a bill that they are going to have another light on them, possibly have a strobe light. What we are trying to do is to protect those buses that do transport our school kids and that after they are sold that something should be done to them to make the public aware that they are no longer school buses. That doesn't mean that we are going to run over the kids when they get out of them but they do not have the authority that a school bus has. They cannot stop traffic the way a school bus can. So we are talking about two different things. Now I don't know what you want to do about it, but if you withdraw the whole thing, we will be right back where we started from, but I think it is absolutely wrong that we should be letting these buses out on the highway again not knowing which is a school bus and which is just somebody's camper. So I think the bill has a lot of merit and I just can't see all the objection to it. If we have some problems with color, perhaps it can be straightened out but right now the only official school bus color is that yellow, and if