

it is confused and I think it is ambiguous but the way it appears to me from reading it any parent can refuse to have his or her child immunized and the state board must so notify a parent. Failure to do so would make whoever refused or failed guilty of a Class V misdemeanor. So you are also putting a criminal sanction in this bill. If a parent somehow should manage to violate provisions of this law, the parent commits a crime which I am sure doesn't bother many in the Legislature because based on what we do here sometimes Draconian was a model of humane gentleness.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And for some who don't know what Draco's code was, it was pretty rough really unless, as I say, put beside some of the things done in the Legislature. Then it pales into insignificance. But I suggest that before you put an eye on this bill, you read what is there now and know what you are voting on, and what I wish some of the news media would do in the interest of helping the public is to question some of the Senators who vote aye to see if they really understand and I think the issue related to the welfare of children is serious enough to justify that kind of action.

SENATOR NICHOL: Before we proceed further, Senator Schmit would like to introduce a group in the South balcony. He tells me they are from all over the State of Nebraska and they are with the Pro-Life Group. Would you stand and be recognized please? Thank you. Senator Koch. Senator Hefner, did you want to speak on this? Senator Koch, you are closing. Senator Koch, there are no other lights on. Excuse me, Senator Koch, Senator Chambers wanted to speak so you may go ahead and then we will have Senator Chambers and then you close.

SENATOR KOCH: I will speak to Senator Chambers remarks, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR NICHOL: Proceed.

SENATOR KOCH: For the enlightenment of the body, that amendment was placed on there not at my request. It was a member of the committee who felt that the least we could do to try to get away from a hard-shell would be that once the parent is notified that they in writing then can say that they do not want that child to be immunized or to have the physical which then puts the burden upon the parent. They are saying