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religious tenet, you are just saying you feel that your child should not endure the immunization procedure nor the physical examination and you are going on record as that child's parent or guardian to that effect and you are solely responsible for that action.

SENATOR LAMB: But that would also cover the religious group because they merely did not have to indicate their reason for refusing the immunizations?

SENATOR KOCH: I can check with Mr. Danielson, and if he sees fit to strike that part of the bill that I placed in there earlier, I will be willing to strike it if it is redundant.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Dworak, did you wish to speak again? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Koch a question. Senator Koch, at what age must a child receive immunization or which ages?

SENATOR KOCH: Generally, Senator Chambers, a child receives these immunizations at various stages after birth as you well know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I mean once they are in school, what is the oldest the child would be ordinarily?

SENATOR KOCH: Oh, generally, they enter at age five, Senator Chambers. That is the date that the Constitution says we should start their formal education.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Then the statement of intent, the physical examination could be required of a seventh grader also?

SENATOR KOCH: If that is the time he is entering school, yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me read the statement. "The intent of this bill is to require that all boards of education shall require physical examinations prior to entrance of a child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade of the school district." So is there a second physical involved?