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it relates to some instruction relative to mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, such as, cerebral palsy and the other list. Now I believe that if we are going to take a genuine concern and show a real interest in the welfare of our children, we should have the same number of votes for these kind of bills as existed on the abortion bill. How can you say you are against abortion, but then after the children come here, then we don't show that same across-the-board concern for a human being that we all have to concede, even people like me, is definitely a full-fledged human being, walking, talking, breathing and subject to all kinds of diseases and ailments, and yet we are reluctant to put in a requirement that these children's health be looked after. We are reluctant to require the schools to teach about all of the infirmities that can befall children in this society, teaching and sensitization...

SENATOR NICHOL: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which is designed to prevent these children when they are crippled or diseased or retarded or handicapped or whatever we say, to prevent these children from being viewed as freaks. We say bring them here no matter what, but after they get here, the same Legislature is not concerned about them. So I hope now that you advance LB 59, and when it gets to Select File, I am going to attempt to add the provisions of LB 63 as an amendment, but rather than sabotage the bill, I am having research done to make sure that it will not be two subjects in one bill, and, Senator Koch, that is so there will be no surprise and nobody can accuse me of dealing off the bottom of the deck.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, you may close please.

SENATOR KOCH: As usual, Senator Chambers, I admire your candor and your integrity and I, too, would support, if it is feasible, that we could add some part of 63 so we have sort of an omnibus bill as it relates to the young men and women of this state. With that, Mr. Chairman, I ask for advancement of LB 59 as amended to E & R Initial.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the advancement of LB 59. All those in favor vote green, opposed red. Please vote.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Senator Koch.