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going to damage the chances for the kids for a superior high quality education. If the parents want to take this chance I guess perhaps I am willing to let them do it and I think we have to consider another thing and that is that there have many of these cases in courts in the last few years throughout the country and there have been some in this state and as far as I can recall the courts have always found in favor of the parents. We have one in my district where the district judge found in favor of the parents and it is now going to be appealed to the Supreme Court. These things can and have been done by taking the problems to the courts but you and I know that this is an expensive process and I would like to see the law amended so that these concerned parents can get the training that they want for their children. Mr. President, I move the adoption to place 403 on General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Rumery's motion. For two consecutive years the Education Committee has battled with this issue and for two consecutive years the Education Committee has seen fit to indefinitely postpone and there are good reasons for this. I believe in a dual system of education as much as anyone else has but I have two sons who participate in some of that dual education, public and private, but in each case it was under minimal accreditation and also some of it rather high cost. But as an individual who took the oath of the constitution of the State of Nebraska, I still have to believe that anyone who wants a private system of education must live under minimal standards. Today we have approximately 32,000 children in the State of Nebraska who are in the private sector, primarily in the Catholic system of education or in the Lutheran system of education and these individuals and those who direct and administer those programs do not feel as though the standards established by the State Department of Education or by this legislation are unreasonable. If the parents who have children in these schools are desirous of a religious background, I submit to them they could follow the Jewish faith, that they shall provide their catechism and their religious instruction on evenings and weekends. That is an option but for us to sit here and say that these schools that are springing up across the nation and they are rather astonishing, to allow them to exercise the faculty that we have no assurance has any kind of endorsement from any major institution or other institution even if they may be