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complex, to come out of that Penitentiary complex and enter into society and become a productive and useful person. That's the intent of the bill, as I told the members of the Judiciary Committee when I introduced it. I would accept any amendments that they had that would be helpful. The Judiciary Committee wrestled with the bill for a long time. I do accept the amendments they have provided and I hope that they will be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are about four minutes left on this bill. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Senator Schmit, I share your concerns. I serve on a special committee created by this body to check into how we can provide better programs, particularly in educational release and work release programs, and that's the committee I chair. I submit to you that we do not provide the individuals who are incarcerated with many opportunities to have a saleable skill when they leave, and that's one of the reasons our rehabilitation record isn't too good, and I also will say to you that what you're doing in this proposed amendment...I'm checking the statutes, you did indeed strike that's in the statute the part that this printing material shall not compete against the private sector, and that's now a matter that's being repealed. If we want our individuals of this state who are incarcerated to have a better future, I would submit that we should get them into educational release programs with the community colleges and others, instead of just dabbling with it, and provide them with a saleable skill so that when they are released they have an opportunity to find a saleable skill and an opportunity to perform where their economic ability will help them to stay in the mainstream of life, but for us to strike this intentionally I cannot accept this, because they will be competing against the private sector and you know as well as I do that they can probably do it at a lesser cost, because if I'm paying minimal wages and that's all the bill says you shall pay, and you're competing against the private sector where those wages are many times double or triple that in the printing industry, then I say they have a very definite advantage. I'm not only speaking for my own district, and I seldom do this, but I'm speaking for a lot of areas where there are people engaged in printing and employ a considerable number of people, and I think that we're placing them in jeopardy trying to compete under these conditions. So I cannot support that part of the Committee's amendments, because I've just looked it up,

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