

this action, rerefer it to the Education Committee to be heard next Tuesday in light of the subject of Christian education. I think that is to fairness to the Legislature and fairness to those who have interest in Christian education. I want to assure the ministers and others who are in the lobby today, on behalf of this Education Committee, I will guarantee its integrity that we intend to come from that committee with some legislation that will hopefully be palatable to all interests as it relates to the private sector and the public sector and to the compelling interests of this legislative body. Therefore, I request that we rerefer the bill today so that we can schedule it for an appropriate hearing next Tuesday in the afternoon on the subject of Christian education and what kinds of alternatives this state might allow under the present law. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler and then Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, very briefly I'd like to support Senator Koch's motion to return 472A. I, too, guarantee to the best of my ability, whatever a guarantee is worth, that this committee is sincere in what we are attempting to do in dealing with our Christian schools in the State of Nebraska. All of us are sympathetic to convictions and I think all of us have a real desire to bring about a solution that will be reasonable and will be acceptable to all involved, including those that are involved in the school and those of us who have a deep interest in schools of this nature, that we've long had it, and I've often said I would give my life for the right for one to exist. How much authority the state should have in the operation of a school like that is debatable and also questionable in some cases. This, I don't like to call it a controversy, I guess it amounts to about that at this point and it has spread far beyond the limits of our state. We are getting letters from states clear across the nation from east to west because there is a concern, and believe me, I will do my best to resolve the issue and lend my time to see if we couldn't reach some agreement. As Senator Koch has indicated there are several other bills that are forthcoming perhaps more than two and I trust that we will come out with a bill to be offered on the floor that will be reasonable and solve the problem at hand. In no way we're trying to persecute these schools that some letters I am getting at least use the phrase that "you're persecuting" our Christian schools. That certainly is not my intent and I doubt it is much of anyone else's. So I do support because we agreed in committee the resolution to move this bill back to committee and treat it along with the other bills that are