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to the situation will be and when all the bills start from the same starting place, subjected to the same public hearing process with the object in mind of arriving at a common solution, I think all of us...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...and particularly the public itself will be the better for the process.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to make some comments first. Then I would like to make a couple statements. What I am referring to secondly and then I will go back to the first item, there is in your book on Final Reading under 472A, there is a specific amendment to LB 472A and I would like to refer to some of the comments in regard to this specific amendment after I make one other point. I hold up myself as being one who understands religion and the reason I say that is that Senator Chambers and I had a peaceful, interesting debate about four or five years ago and it was a draw as far as the discussion was concerned in the area of religion. Now will someone who is on the prevailing side of 472A answer me a couple of questions and I am not trying to nitpick and I am not trying to be cute or anything else but I think this issue is serious enough that we ought to explore every avenue. I don't understand in the bottom part which would start in line 21, the second line 21. It says, "Each parent or guardian of a student attending such a school shall file a notarized affidavit with a county superintendent of schools acknowledging their child's attendance at a school which is exempt from the provisions and supervision of certain state laws, rules and regulations. A copy of the reports and notarized affidavits provided to the county superintendent shall be forwarded to the State Department of Education. In asserting inclusion in the exemption provided under this section, the parent or guardian," and this is where I get disturbed, "the parent or guardian may be required to demonstrate to the State Department of Education: (1) That the child is receiving regular instruction; (2) That the instruction is from a structured curriculum or course of study; and (3) That the child is appropriately proficient in basic disciplines in learnings". I do not understand exactly what you propose to do with this amendment specifically. Item (1), item (2), item (3), for it means to me that those who are interested in private schools have twice or three times the problem once this particular issue is brought forth. So that is about as far as I can go now and I do not see how that we can guarantee or those who are involved in this

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