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LB 652

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will be quick about this but I am serious about it. As you know, the teacher certification requirements require that every teacher have a college education and my amendment would require that in order to get the waiver of teacher certification the teachers that you do have should have a grade school education. It just occurred to me that if you are going to be teaching high school students up through the twelfth grade that you should at least have a grade school education and that is all my amendment does. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Howard Peterson, do you wish to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, it seemed to me that this is a rather foolish amendment. I just think that what Chris is trying to do is to delay the game. It seems to me it is time for us to get to the proper...the main motion and I just would encourage this body to vote down the amendment. Then let's get on with the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I commend Senator Beutler on his motion to amend LB 652. I think he draws down on the whole essence of what we have been debating today which is basically should any person who teaches a child have some basic requisite modicum of knowledge and I kind of disagree with the thrust of his amendment which says just a simple elementary education. Of course, I feel you know that it should direct its lines more along the lines of knowledge of the subject matter in which that teacher is going to teach but I hope you will listen to reason because although his amendment seems foolish, in perspective of what we are attempting to do today in advancing LB 652 I think it certainly is an improvement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to comment on the proposed amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to be recognized? You are first on the list, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very briefly, Mr. Chairman. Senator Peterson, Senator Howard Peterson, I would like to ask