

have been visiting with you and myself, sometimes we may disagree with them but we have to admire their persistence and their sincere desire to try to bring about a change. Some people in my profession do not agree with the position that I am presently trying to submit to you but I submit to you that the public sector is not going to... we are not going to diminish the public sector in terms of the qualifications that we have set for them, their standards and their certification. I believe in the right of a parent who acts in the best interest of their children even though I may disagree with what I think that best interest might be. But I would hope that this body this morning would resist a circus and I would hope that you would demonstrate beyond any doubt that you are not going to play politics with children and those who minister in the name of God and who administer Christian Schools. To me this is very serious and I would hope that our integrity is exemplified today by our actions and if you as individuals want to add lengthy amendments and want to change this resolution, I have committed myself to the gentleman outside that I will withdraw LR 4. So I would hope that we would merely deal with the simple statement. We are asking law enforcement officials to temper their actions until this body can act in good faith and revise the law if you deem it necessary in January. That is what LR 4 is all about and nothing more. We cannot by this resolution cause law enforcement officials, county attorneys and county superintendents and others from proceeding with enforcing the law but my last request to you before I finish these remarks is, is the law being applied with equity today and it is not. It has only been applied on one occasion and finally I would remind you as well that there are other groups of people who have religious beliefs such as the Amish and such as the Mennonites who appeared before our committee the other day in eight and a half hours of hearings who felt there had to be some revision of the present law because of their deep conviction as it relates to education and religion. Therefore, I request sincerely that we deal with the resolution as it is and reject any amendments and either vote it up or down. At least we will show good faith to the men who minister in the name of God. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Amendments to the resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is from Senator DeCamp. It is found on page 80 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.