

One Republican Senator, Paul Pate, had not been present for the vote. The Democrat Senate leaders left the voting open for 45 minutes, attempting to find the senator so he could cast his vote. Why? If Senator Pate voted for the motion, it would pass. And, if Senator Pate voted against the motion, it would create a tie, allowing the Democrat President Pro Tempore to vote for the motion, causing it to pass. So, either way, if Senator Pate had appeared and voted, the motion would have passed.

By God's grace, he did not arrive in time. The voting was closed and bill had been stalled. The homeschoolers in the Senate gallery evacuated to the rotunda to rejoice and scan the vote tally. Who had voted for the bill? Who had voted against? By God's grace, many unexpected votes were noted. There were hugs and tears of joy. A grace period had been created, in which further work could be done.

In 1991, the bill creating the foundations for our current Iowa homeschool law was enacted, without many of

the odious terms that had been included in the 1990 SF 149 bill.

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THIS ACCOUNT?

Home educators who join together, and who make personal contacts with our elected officials, can be used by God to accomplish great things.

Stay connected with a local support group and with NICHE, your state organization. Reach out to those who represent you! ●

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 2017: LIBERTY

An annual feature of the Homeschool Iowa Conference, the Homeschool Iowa Children's Program offers a Bible-based program in a secure environment, with screened and trained staff and teachers.

Each year holds a new theme, communicating principles found in the Word of God in an effective and exciting way through songs, memory verses, activities, lesson times, and the much anticipated drama! Our 8 part drama is fully scripted and costumed, the stage is beautifully set, and the story line captures the attention of every attendee.

LIBERTY, coming in 2017, will present how true liberty is found in Christ, with the drama being set in early American History.

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