

Testimony-SJ8
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I rise today in opposition to SJ8.

I would like to preface my remarks by applauding Senator Toole's desire to teach sound scientific principles in our schools. As a geologist with over 20 years of experience in the mining industry, it is a pleasure to see a here-to-fore opponent support the methods used by my colleagues.

As to the intent of SJ8, Senator Toole strays from scientific method by attempting to prohibit teaching beliefs that may lead to greater scientific understanding. The scientific method requires examining all theories, or beliefs, while trying to determine the correct answer to a question. For example, how was the universe formed? To limit the postulations on this question would violate the sound scientific principles called for in the resolution. This could lead the community, or group, studying the question to make an incorrect decision based on an incomplete set of data.

It is my belief that God must work within scientific laws to accomplish His plan. Those are the same laws studied in classrooms across country. God, however, being omniscient, has a perfect understanding of scientific laws, and uses them in His work. Therefore, by studying scientific principles, it is reasonable, responsible, and natural to acknowledge the existence of a being that has a complete understanding of science.

If you chose to advance this Christ^obic resolution, you will be advancing a doctrine of intolerance that is the height of hypocrisy given the proponents demand for tolerance of their ideas. I strongly urge you to table this resolution.



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