

Prompt: Do you agree or disagree with the new state law requiring the pledge of allegiance to be recited in school each day?

Saying the Pledge: Is it Legally Right?

I disagree with the bill requiring the public schools of Alaska to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily in the classroom. My major opposition to this bill is the law of separation of church and state, and how this disobeys the law immensely. Also it depletes classroom time further, and some statements do not register in all areas to all people of the United States.

In the pledge of Allegiance it says “in one nation under god”, many people in many different religions do not acknowledge “God” as their supreme ruler and do not pray to him, but another higher being. Also if one religion is represented by saying god, all other religions are supposed , under law, to be represented.

Another major reason I oppose the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance daily in the public classroom is that it further depletes the teaching and learning time given to teachers and students. As teachers already complain that they do not have sufficient time to complete their assigned curriculum and then with the Pledge of Allegiance it further lessens the teaching time available to work on projects, class work, or lecturing.

To me the entire Pledge of Allegiance is not even correct. As it states “With liberty and justice for all”, which in America is the way life is supposed to be, but in actuality doesn’t happen. Children in inner-city schools, immigrants, and homeless people do not receive the same rights and justice that those of us who live in middle class America enjoy. In my opinion a student feels he or she need to recite the pledge of Allegiance daily to fulfill their duty as American citizens, then I feel they should either make time at home, or before class starts in the morning. As it should be a personal choice if one feels they need to renew their patriotism daily or if we know it enough from when we recited it daily in second grade.

These are just some of the reasons I feel that the Pledge of Allegiance should not be recited by requirement in classrooms in the high school level daily as Bill: CSHB 192 states it should.
