

going to continue in all of the departments we have in state government. And unless they are held personally accountable in this particular situation, in effect, the state condones that type of behavior. And, for that reason, I would urge that the Coordsen amendment not be adopted. We have talked about this for two years now. They were not compensated two years ago. They were...they were not compensated this year when they were taken out of the bill as far as indemnification and now, at this late stage on Select File, Senator Coordsen brings it back to compensate them. I think that their conduct cannot be condoned. I don't think their conduct can be defended and I will be glad to get further information to you shortly.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen is next, but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony of Senator Hefner. We have 35 sixth through eighth graders from the Zion Lutheran School in Pierce, Nebraska and their principal and teacher. Would you students and instructors please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator McFarland.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, there was a story told about a young boy who was born and never spoke and he was two years old and he never spoke and he was four years old and he never spoke. And his parents took him to every speech doctor in the country, every specialist in the country that they could find and he never said a word. And when he was about 10 years old at a family gathering and they had the minister and the aunts and uncles and everything there, all of a sudden this 10-year-old boy said, pass the blank salt, these potatoes are flat. And, of course, everyone was really enthused, but why didn't you speak before? He said, up until now everything was all right. And it's a little bit like this issue that we're talking about this morning. The record shows that the comments that Senator Chambers cites are a matter of the record. The comments that Senator McFarland cites are a matter of the record. And I doubt that there is anyone here that personally has any less sexist bias than I do. The question, when you peel away the oratorical petals from the flower that's presented to us, is what is in the center? What is in the center is that we cannot make this decision based upon emotion. We have to make these types of decisions based upon the statutes that govern our behavior, as a matter of fact, in this...in this circumstance. Judge Urbom's decision was