

Stacy Jacob, and Allison Johnson. They are from North Platte, Hickman, Alliance, Paxton, Cozad and Ainsworth and members of the 4-H Action Team. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for being here today. Thank you. Senator Chambers, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I will join in the general sentiments expressed by Senators Bernard-Stevens and Beutler. We're at Select File. It's that time of the morning when not everybody is here and there was no way to know that a bill, which has not been acted on by a committee, would be added to a bill at this point in the proceedings. Even if the bill had no opposition in committee does not mean there may not be some on the floor. I experienced that the other day. So, if we have a bill which took the form, I mean if we have an idea which took the form of legislation that was introduced, it went through the public hearing and the committee has not acted, we not only are circumventing the committee, but the discussion that would occur on General File when a thorough record could be made on the bill in terms of what its provisions are and what it means. There are references to other statutory provisions and there is not time to really review those because my copy of the amendment just wound up on my desk. So I'm not going to vote yes for this amendment. And I hope that it is not adopted at this point. Our rules do serve a purpose, but they are not ironclad. I think if a compelling argument could be made for this procedure to be utilized, that argument should be given, and if the issue were sufficiently grave, I might would even support it. There is hardly any action that somebody has attempted on the floor at some time or other that I have not agreed with. But I wouldn't routinely agree with circumventing the committee and General File discussion on a matter of this import, as is being asked of us this morning. So I will not support the addition of this amendment to LB 410, and I hope enough others will refuse to support it so that it will not be added in this fashion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Next speaker on this amendment is Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the Legislature. I think the discussion, in terms of the process, is probably well taken in terms of time of the year and what you're doing. As Chair I think my obligation is to tell you where the amendment fits and how it works in with the bill that's already here. I've had the opportunity to come in and