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LB 314, 665, 971, 971A, 988, 991, 1006, 1006A  
1194, 1211, 1211A, 1311 .

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I had a rock hard position but I don't have a rock head. So I am going to cooperate with this effort to the point of even giving a vote to bringing the bill back, to making the correction that Senator Lindsay's amendment will do and then supporting the readvancement of the bill. To be completely frank with you, my disposition and temperament are such that I don't want to slide something by you that you don't know. I want you to know what it is that I'm trying to do even if you don't like it and then persuade you to do it or find some means through the rules to get it done, but I don't want it done through trickery or subterfuge. So, Senator Avery, you have prevailed this morning and for that I applaud you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: While we have a break point here, let me do...make some introductions. First of all, Senator Hudkins has guests in the south balcony, 40 first graders from Arnold Elementary School in Lincoln and their teacher. And Senator Bernard-Stevens has 15 eighth graders from Brady School. He would like to indicate a little distinction. These students helped plant 100 trees in their community over the last year, with their teacher, and Bob Golter, council member from Brady; Gerald Brown, the Mayor of Brady; and Colleen May, the Village Clerk of Brady. So if we could recognize all the folks from Arnold Elementary and Brady. Also, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 665, LB 971, LB 971A, LB 314, LB 1211 and LB 1211A, LB 1194, LB 1006 and LB 1006A, LB 1311 and LB 990 (sic). Senator Ashford. That was LB 991, I'm sorry.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in support of the Lindsay amendment and I also rise to thank Senator Lindsay and the committee for this bill. We had some good debate on the issue of guns and children during the first two rounds of debate. We had some disagreements on penalties, primarily, but the final version of this bill is a good step in the recognition of the fact that gun violence involving children is a problem in our community. First of all, the yellow copy, the Final Reading copy of the bill increases the penalty for delivering firearms to a child in violation of the statutes of the State of Nebraska and that's a significant step. Secondly, the Final Reading copy of this bill sets forth criteria for guns on schools, and also acknowledges the fact in the bill that it is a significant problem in this state. Gun violence involving children is a significant problem that needs to be...that needs to be discussed certainly and reacted to by