

midated or someone might suggest that they ought to do this and they may want to, they may want not to be involved, therefore, we should protect them. Now the way we protect these individuals is to say you cannot be involved absolutely whether you want to or not, whether you are being intimidated or not, you cannot be involved. Now I think that is exactly the problem that we have here. Senator Chambers amendment basically says that these people will become second class citizens, that they will not be allowed to participate if they want to or not. The amendment and the bill as it stands now as amended allows these individuals those protections because they are protected. They can explain to their employers that they, if they participate and if they use the power of their office and if they abuse this power, they can be prosecuted and that I think is a protection that these employees can use to insulate themselves against this great political pressure that Senator Hoagland fears so greatly. They can use that if they wish, but at the same time, they will not be prohibited, prohibited from using their rights as citizens to actively campaign for someone, maybe for school board or maybe for weed commissioner. I think it is absolutely asinine, to use the word, in 1979 to tell the people that they are going to be protected. We are going to protect them from themselves and we are going to mandate that they do not have the rights that other citizens have to be active and to participate in politics. I object to the Chambers amendment. I object to Senator Hoagland's line of reasoning. I think it is very paternal and I am disappointed in Senator Hoagland to say the least. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed with the debate, in the South balcony it is my privilege to introduce...could we have order on the floor please? It is my privilege to introduce to you 130 students from 61 counties attending the 6th Annual Youth Seminar sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation. They are up in the South balcony. May we welcome them to the Unicameral Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am just going to take one minute to relate to you what I consider a very pertinent example of the problems involved with deputy sheriffs getting involved in the political process and why I think some legislation dealing with this matter ought to be introduced and I am not sure about the Chambers amendment or the Newell bill as amended by the committee, what the best solution is at this time. All I would like to do is relate to you exper-