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work with a little patch up amendment that someone is trying to get through quickly. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to the next speaker, in the North balcony from Senator Sieck's District it is my privilege to introduce 24 fourth grade students from Edison School, York, Nebraska and their teacher, Mrs. Marie Messinger. Will you hold up your hand so we can see where you are and wish you good morning? Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to say, first of all, that I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Johnson and Senator Wesely and Senator Nichol's remarks on the merits. I think it is a mistake on the merits to do this but I think even more important this raises serious procedural problems. Now we only have thirteen days left in this session and I am really annoyed. This is the second time now in Final Reading that we are being asked to write major or significant legislation. It is the second time people have used Final Reading as a device to jump bills up from General File that may not be heard and I think that is a mistake. Now we have major issues, we have major bills that have come through the normal process. We have water bills and we have energy bills and we have taxation bills that have been through committee hearings and that have gotten a complete voice and a complete cross section of opinion. Senator Haberman's suggestion here as far as I know has not been through a committee. This language has not come out of committee in the form of a bill and it is a patchwork job that he is asking us to adopt here on Final Reading and it is not the way to write legislation and I will object to this attempt to legislate this way and any future attempt we have in the next twelve days to legislate this way. Let's vote on bills on Final Reading on their merits and not use Final Reading as a method of writing legislation on the floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. The question has been called for, do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The issue before the House is shall debate cease. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried. Debate has ceased. The issue is the amendment to the bill. Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, you have the motion to return the bill for a specific amendment. You are now closing.