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to work this bill through and look at it from its totality and not just from one little bit of piece that we might want to pick at toward another one. I think we need to look at this thing in the entire prospect of what is going to happen and we are certainly going to have some faith in the people that we deal with. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I certainly agree with Senator Kahle's assessment of the amendment. We are back to the old chicken or the egg situation, which comes first. There is no way that you can have a viable project without putting up some up front money that will convince the federal government that this is a project that is on its way and will be developed with the infusion of the federal funds as has been previously indicated. And so in order not to spend any money for planning at this point would certainly just kill the project, and I think that any reasonable person would say that there is no way you can start this project without somebody taking the first step, and certainly the federal government is not going to take that first step. It is up to this state to do that and this amendment would certainly put an end to that. I oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, there are some guests that I would like to introduce. Underneath the south balcony from Valentine, Nebraska, former Senator Otho Kime. Otho, are you there? Welcome. From Senator Kremer's District, 28 Seventh Grade students from Sandy Creek School, Fairfield, Nebraska, Mr. Dave Nienkamp is the teacher. Are you still up in the balcony? If you are, hold up your hands? In the south balcony, 200 high school students from Youth Government Day sponsored by Nebraska Council of Youth. They are over here I believe in the south balcony. And visiting the Legislature today are the wives whose husbands are attending the Packers Service Group and Packers Management Company Annual Meetings at the Hilton Hotel. We welcome all these groups and welcome you to the Unicameral. We are speaking to the Beutler amendment and the Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, do you want to be recognized to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have to also oppose the Beutler amendment. I think the reason is fairly obvious. Senator Beutler says