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resolutions before and that has been changed and the Attorney General would write the explanatory language for constitutional amendments. That is also in the bill and I think you can understand. We have had some problems over the years and I am not criticizing anybody but many of the constitutional amendments were worded in such a way that we had the confusion we had here a bit ago, that if you voted for it you might be against it and if you voted against it you might be for it. So we hoped that this part of the bill would straighten that out. If the Attorney General can't handle that, why, we are in bad shape. But these are the highlights of the bill. So I move the adoption of the amendment, committee amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: They have already been adopted.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, I think there are other amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, we do have other amendments. I would like to take this opportunity, I don't know whether these kids have left or not. There were 35 first and second grade students from the Randolph Grade School, Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator Beutler's district, Miss Rhonda Lundberg, Mrs. Claudia Livers and Miss Janet Zannow. They were in the South balcony. I think they have gone though. There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have several amendments, the first is offered by Senator Kahle and is found on page 668 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: This is the one I mentioned and it is on page 668 of the Journal and would reinstate the language that we just argued about and I'm not sure yet whether Senator Vickers lost or won that issue and if ... but I will read you what this does. This would be, "The committee amendment reinstates language that forces the state to include editorials supporting and opposing proposed constitutional amendments when he publishes the text of the amendment in the newspaper." The committee added language "that the Secretary of State issue a disclaimer in a newspaper that editorials are not the opinion of the state." This amendment was requested by Allen Beerman and says that, "The person or group that offers the editorial must be identified by name. Current law does not require that they be identified," and that is amendment two, the one that is on page 668 of the Journal. I move for adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.