

through debate on these amendments and the passage of this bill than possibly could be done during an interim study. The issue is there. The bill has been drafted. It was studied this last interim. It was studied through public hearings. We have a bill that I think is in good shape as it is but some minor amendments would not be out of order and I think we are ready to pass a bill that I think will serve the state well.

SENATOR KAHLE: Before we go to the next speaker we have from Senator Sieck's legislative district, 22 fifth grade students and three adults from the Stromsburg Elementary School, Stromsburg, Mrs. Bill Boden, teacher. I believe that is them up in the balcony. Let's give them a welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. The next speaker is Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, last Friday when we discussed LB 134 Senator Chambers spoke at length about the unwillingness of the state voter to increase our annual pay and how time after time we had taken the issue to the voter and the voter had resoundingly defeated our attempts to amend the Constitution and to provide us greater monies and so Senator Chambers said that I have had to conclude with some degree of reluctance that what the voter expects is the voter frankly expects us to be able to raise money through the campaign funding mechanism and to then use that money to meet our personal needs. How else would the voter expect us to be able to survive on \$400 a month, month in and month out unless that is what the voter has come to expect? Now of course I have felt that those remarks were relatively cynical remarks and not the kind of remarks that were appropriate in dealing with this issue but as I thought about what Senator Chambers had to say and what others have had to say on the subject that maybe we are better off to allow the status quo to prevail, I was reminded of history and what I was really reminded of was the, I suppose the eight hundred year history in England to make Parliament a truly representative body and I was reminded that for years and years and years, men, never women, but men could stand for Parliament and represent rotten burroughs and by that I mean very simply, they never lived in the area they stood to represent and I was reminded of the fact that for years and years and years the English disenfranchised millions of English people because in the end Parliament only belonged to a handful and I was reminded that up until the 1890s no member of Parliament was compensated for his or her services because in the end all members, either were land of gentry, merchants or persons of means. But over the incredibly long haul, Parliament was able to