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and perhaps, as Senator Fowler is suggesting here, we should pretty well use the model we have now and then look at other alternatives later and not try and change things overnight. So I think probably both of his amendments are good steps to take and do improve on the committee amendments at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler, do you want to close on your amendment. No close. The question is the adoption of the Fowler amendments. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the Fowler amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The Fowler amendment is adopted. Now before we go to the next item, in the North balcony from Senator Chronister's district, it is my privilege to introduce 14 students, fifth through eighth grades, District 1-R, Clarkson, Nebraska, Mrs. Jean Ernesti, teacher, Mrs. June Tresnak, teacher, in the North balcony. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are. Welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Wesely, are you going to present the committee amendments as amended?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I guess we are ready to go ahead with the adoption of the committee amendments and with the changes Senator Fowler has I think this bill is in good shape. With the changes the committee has adopted you are going to have a lower cost and I think a very reasonable program that will serve our older citizens in this state. It is strongly supported by our older citizens and I think it is a step we should be taking. The committee did spend a lot of time trying to make sure that it was in the scale and scope that we could afford and I think the bill with the committee amendments certainly is in that range and should be supported, so strongly support the committee amendments, urge their adoption and move their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you want to speak to... Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak to the...on the bill. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, Senator Wesely, have you explained the amendments or are they going to be explained along with the bill or what?

SENATOR WESELY: I went through them one by one. Would you like me to go through them again?

SENATOR NICHOL: No. What are the amendments that are left in?