

want this amendment. To go with Senator Korshoj's idea and say the minority of the people should rule is not only against the philosophy of representative government, but simply not good government policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to announce that we have 14 sixth grade students in our north balcony visiting today from Overton, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. We're pleased that you could take the time to be with us. Additional discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't want to unnecessarily prolong this debate, but I would like to respond to Senator Bernard-Stevens. And I rarely find myself in disagreement with Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I'm not really going to disagree with him. But I would like to add what Senator Korshoj said a little while ago. I voted for the motion to reconsider because I think that each bill does merit consideration by this body, and there weren't enough of us here when it was considered before. But I think Senator Korshoj raises a very important point. I think we all need...we all do recognize this is a citizen Legislature. And I think that we recognize that each of us has different responsibilities, different degrees of responsibility to our businesses, to our families, to a myriad of other things so that we can't always be here all the time. I think we all recognize that. I think what Senator Korshoj was probably getting at is the fact that many times on this floor we have a call of the house, not once, not twice, not three times, but many times in the course of a day. And it all takes time. And if we were here and if we took that time to be here then maybe we'd get out at three-thirty in the afternoon, maybe we'd go until five, and maybe we'd get out earlier in the week, or maybe, maybe, just maybe we'd get those bills all considered this session. This session is grinding to completion and we need to be cognizant of that, we need to be using our time wisely. So I just wanted to stand up and support what Senator Korshoj said, not as a matter of saying anybody is...has done wrong here, but just trying to raise our consciousness and get people working together more to get this legislation passed that we need to pass. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford.