

decisions. They don't have the expertise and they don't have, I think, the background to be involved in this. They don't hire and fire consultants over in the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Institutions and on and on and on. All of those consultants are hired and fired at the department level. You don't have every consultant reviewed by the Governor's office. If we're going to go to this policy that the Governor has to review the consultants for the Investment Council...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, I'm sorry, time has expired.

SENATOR WESELY: ...then I'm going to come in with a bill next year and have every consultant reviewed by the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Time is expired on LB 359. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to advise that Senator Schimek has a guest under the north balcony, Rich Halverson from Lincoln. Mr. Halverson, would you please stand and be recognized. The Chair also is advised that under the north balcony a former member of this Legislature is present, Senator Nelson Merz from Falls City. Senator Merz. Also, Senator Robak has some guests in the north balcony, 15 eighth graders from St. Francis in Humphrey, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And also a special announcement. All is not lost, Senator Wesely, we are advised that this is your birthday today, your 35th birthday, we're advised, and again you are responsible for the kolaches which have been passed out. Your mother is responsible. Thank you. Happy birthday, Senator Wesely. LB 548, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 548 offered by Senators Conway, Scofield and Hefner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Agriculture Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members, LB 548, as the Clerk announced, exempts the bed and breakfast establishments from our Nebraska Pure Food Act. The concept behind this bill is an ever growing area that is of great interest for tourism and other forms of travel and activity in the State of Nebraska. Many of us are familiar with the various Victorian homes that may be