

individuals, they are dedicated individuals. We have had excellent directors and many fine staff people, many loyal employees who have done a good job for us, and I commend them for it and I appreciate it. Their job is not an easy one, nor is ours. But we do act upon the best information that we have and I think that has brought us a long way. I would hope the bill would be advanced and that it will pass from Select File to Final Reading and become law and I recommend that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, you are next, but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony please first. They are guests of Senator Peterson, and there are 12 fourth through eighth grade students from District 16 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Will you please stand so that we may welcome you. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. Senator Langford, I told her this will be very short, Lorraine, and she said, I think you deserve to speak, you've had your light on all day. But I will keep this very short. I would just say that as a member of the Natural Resources Committee I would hope that the rest of the body will support the advancement of LB 761. I believe very strongly that Nebraska did make a commitment when we said that we would become a part of the compact some years ago, and now we need to remain true to that commitment that we made. I think also though that we need to continue to work very hard, as we in the committee have been doing in bringing LB 761 to you. I realize that it doesn't have everything everyone wants in it. It doesn't have everything I want in it. I voted for local vote, the local input from the communities to have the right to vote. And I believe that is consistent when I opposed the Chambers amendment, which would have then said that you can bring in some outside person and be considered to be a part of the local community in serving as a representative of that community. To me that's not consistent. I think it's people, which they wanted, they wanted to have the local vote, I agree with that. I think they should have that input, that say so. But I can tell you that I have had a lot of good input from those folks. When we talk about the fact that those people out there can't be expected to make the kinds of decisions as members of a committee, a monitoring committee, because they don't have the expertise, I think that's a bunch of hogwash. Those people have brought to us so much information,