

period we're in limbo or purgatory, depending on how you want to describe the situation. But, in any event, we can't move forward. By taking less time, by moving forward, electing our chairmen, introducing a few bills, cleaning up that organizational chaos that we have at the start of those sessions, we will move much more efficiently, much more effectively into this session. I strongly believe in this amendment. I believe Senator Coordsen is right, Senator Korshoj is right, and all of us that in the past have supported this, and that I hope you reject the kill motion, that we work on the details of this. But to move forward with it, because in moving forward with it we help the public. The public interest is served by this. And I hope, if you're concerned with the public interest, you, too, will see the benefits of this legislation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Before proceeding to Senator Coordsen, Senator Johnson has 60 eighth graders from Central City Middle School in our north balcony with their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we're glad to have you with us. Chairman Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. A friendly kill motion, (laugh) it sounds like...reminds me of some 20 years ago I had a dog that got to killing chickens. And it fell to my responsibility to help enable that particular dog to go wherever dogs go in the hereafter. And I may have been friendly, but it certainly was a permanent type of friendliness for that dog. (Laughter.) So, thank you, thank you, Senator Lamb. And by the way, Senator Lamb, I certainly would never conjecture that any senator priority bill was less than an important measure. Eleven states, including some of the states that were mentioned here with a shorter number of days than we have, have organizational sessions, and they get their work done. Fifteen years ago the people in the Legislature, at that time, discovered they were out of control, and they asked the populace of the State of Nebraska to please put a limit on us, put a limit on us, give us 90 days one year, 60 days another, in a session. Don't let us go on until August or whatever. No, I don't know what the intent of the body was, but as a young middle aged person, whatever that term means, that was the impression that I got, and I agreed with the Legislature that, by golly, we'll help you out. What are we afraid of today? You know there is a million, five hundred and some odd thousand people, perhaps some of them more odd than others, but nonetheless good folks, most of which are registered, that pass