

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I just rise to support Senator Hartnett's bill here. My wife, Faye, is a member of the Northeast Nebraska Foster Care Board and this is a very important bill for the foster care children of Nebraska and I would just urge everyone to support this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, I would just rise to say that LB 1222A contains the amounts to provide training for all foster care providers and it does include then the costs for the foster care training, and I want to make that very clear so that people understand that it's in addition to what your bill originally was attempting to do, Senator Hartnett. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, did you wish to close on your...okay, the question is the advancement of LB 1222A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance 1222A.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. May I introduce some guests, please. We have several groups with us this morning. First of all, a very special group in the south balcony. You'll see them in red up there and they have been visiting us for several years. It's called the W.I.F.E. group, Women Involved in Farm Economics. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized this morning. Thank you very much. This group started in Sidney, Nebraska, you'll recall, about 10, 12 years ago and it expands over quite a large area now. We're happy to have you back with us today. Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to introduce a group that is here.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I just wanted to say thank you as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. We'd like to thank both the W.I.F.E. organization and the Wheat Hearts for distributing these loaves of wheat bread to the legislators and also to the many families who are shut in, our neighbors or families who are sick. They deliver these to those folks and we want to thank them for their hospitality today and providing us with this gift of wheat and thanking them very much for sharing