

fascinating morning and I personally think that the Legislature has done the right thing in taking the issue away from the lobby and allowing the issue itself to be debated rather than attempting to politically shave it one way or the other by establishing some crazy quilt of corporate rights through the original version of 457. The Legislature is on the right track in looking at this issue faceup and statewide.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Conway. May I introduce some guests, first, Senator Schmit, of Senator Wehrbein? In the south balcony we have 17 fourth grade students from Columbian Elementary School in Plattsmouth, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. Senator Landis makes an excellent point. There is only one way it could have been better, Senator Landis. Had the decision-making process on this floor started on the seventh day of the session rather than on the...with only seven days left. It would have been much better for the people of the State of Nebraska and it would have been a little more elevating for the image of the Legislature. There is nothing wrong with that. Decisions ought to be made on this floor. Decisions ought to be made by those of us who are elected by the people to represent them and their interest. Sometimes we make a mistake, sometimes we do the right thing, but it is much preferable to having 30,000 people, each of us saying, well, let's take a poll and see what it goes like. Let's see what the people think. The people expect us to use our own good judgment, to draw upon our experience and our background and make the decision. They expect us to listen to them, but in the final analysis as has just been demonstrated here with the Warner amendment, so maybe the battle lines were drawn. And all of a sudden Senator Warner comes up with an idea and he proposes we do something different and this Legislature in their combined wisdom said, yes, we think that Senator Warner had a good amendment and we adopted it. Not by very much, but 25 is as good as 49. There has been a lot of times I would have settled for 25 on this floor and I commend Senator Warner, and I appreciate Senator Landis's remarks. It is out here. The issue is here and it ought to be decided now. Now when someone says we're not ready for it, someone says, well, we don't need it, I come back again. Why do you have FHA? Why do you have the Federal Land Bank? Why do you have NIFA? We've got those