

children and we're willing to up the ante, and if you're not willing to up the ante that's fine, but I think the rest of the body is.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I think we need to give a little fair play and give Senator Pirsch a chance straight up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, you're next, but may I introduce a guest please? Under the north balcony we have with us today Mr. Clyde Webb, who is the Commander of the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Webb, would you please stand so we may recognize you? Thank you. While I have the floor, Senator Pirsch, Senator Morrissey and Senator Wehrbein have guests in the south balcony. We have 11 seniors from the Lourdes School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized? Thank you. Then Senator Rogers has 16 seniors from Greeley, Nebraska, High School and their teachers. Would you folks please stand? Then, from the Auburn area, Senator Morrissey has some guests under the south balcony, Tom Smiley, Mark Kubik, Theresa Hamilton, Gary Volkmer, Darrell Wellman, and Bill Nelson. Would you folks please be recognized? Thanks to all of you for visiting us today. Senator Pirsch, thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Landis, why does it have to be either/or? That's what I can't understand. And I don't think that some who came later at the end of the vote did know that, and some have told me that. I think both are important, and I think both complement each other. I'm not putting a higher value on drug-free school zones, and I don't think you should put a higher value on selling to minors. I think both are important and have been asked for across the state so that children will be protected, and I supported Senator Johnson's amendment. Mine is not a higher value and you're right, I did not bring LB 976 and defend LB 976 because of political value, but because I believe very strongly that this is another way we can get the message across, not only to the drug dealers but to the children who frequent these areas. Tell me why these two bills are not copacetic. Tell me why you cannot accept both concepts that we have these areas and we mark them, and it's like the radar controlled zones. We say, hey, those who would sell drugs to our children, these are areas