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PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that is being jeopardized as a result of lack of attention. We need to address, on a state wide basis, the issue of housing. If you look at Section 37, and I'll get into this later, you'll find the different things we're hoping to answer. And I think you'll find, if you do take the time, on page 63 and 64, to see that these are questions that need an answer, that these are problems that need to be addressed; and it's most appropriate that we do that. The Housing Policy Coordinating Council, that Senator Moore talked about, is just the different state agencies involved. What about the private sector? What about the home builders, the realtors and the local governments and everybody else that is involved in the housing issue? They need to be brought into this process, too. And part of this...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...amendment, this bill would allow us to do that and bring everyone together to start working on this important problem.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests under the north balcony of Senator Schellpeper, please. We have Jeff and Kathy Schellpeper and their children, Andrew and Eric. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Jeff is Senator Schellpeper's son, and his daughter-in-law and their two children. Happy to have you with us today. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I was actually going to speak on the bill, but I have a question, so I might as well do it now as any other time. I just wanted to say ahead of that question, though, that I am somewhat familiar with some of the problems on housing, because I worked with Catholic Social Services, and they, along with other agencies locally, I know, worked very hard on trying to resolve the problems that you have when low income people and children...families with children and so on try to find adequate housing in a city especially the size of Lincoln. But I know like Norfolk, Hastings, those other places also have the problem. So I do think there are local agencies, as Senator Wesely says, that along with the state agencies, that work and try to coordinate all the efforts, working through HUD and so on, to use up some