

addressed, and it will be unfortunate if we put it off, because each time it is, we add to the complication of ever getting it corrected.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests please of Senator Haberman under the south balcony. We have Mr. and Mrs. Dave Spicer, and Vicky Robinson, together with three of the winner of the Tree City Award from Imperial, Nebraska. They are Seth Spicer, Tracey Carman, and Stephanie Hoff. Would you folks please stand and be recognized? Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I had not taken that much interest in this bill until the other day when we went on and put in a substantive amendment that would allow students not only to be on the boards of these, the trustees, right, I didn't want to say regents and get it incorrect, they would be allowed to vote. And to me, that is giving the students a real and meaningful role for participation. That gave me an interest in LB 239CA (sic) that I didn't have before, and it seems to me that if a bracket motion were to be offered, today might not be the day to offer it. Let it go ahead and move if it can because it only takes a voice vote to move it across, if that can be obtained. But at any rate, Senator Warner I think is right in what he said about this issue being one where a lot is said one way or the other, but when time comes to actually do something, it is difficult to find people willing to do anything. Once a proposal is before us like this, if there are disagreements with it or there are ideas as to how it could be improved if there is agreement with it, those ideas ought to be forthcoming. I thought giving the students the vote was a very good idea and the body accepted it, so I think that is something that is a plus. I have another amendment pending that would remove all reference to the political party balance. The rationale for that is based on our discussion the other day. If a Governor gets two terms, he or she could wind up appointing everybody to the board anyway, and since we are not concerned about it at that point, I don't think we ought to put any reference to it in the Constitution to raise questions in people's mind as to why we thought it was important at the initial appointing time but not important any time after that when appointing would continue to be the process by which people would wind up on the board. The second one would be a removal of language that I think would unduly restrict the Legislature if, at some point, it decided to set up some