

young woman through this period and Senator Labeledz was willing...or Senator Labeledz was willing to expand it to that point, but that was never considered and never allowed to be considered because we spent the entire time talking about procedural and finding the way through the rules to thwart the majority of this body. It ended up, of course, last night. That was the last day that we could consider and I guess I was the sacrificial lamb and I asked for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I asked to have my bill passed over so we could at least talk about the issue and because I felt that this...the rest of this body very strongly felt that we could accomplish this before midnight. You know, if I hadn't, we would have been debating LB 976 at midnight, or at adjournment Wednesday night and, of course, while I was listening to that, that's when I discovered LB 1241 and that it was not a good bill. I...how much time do I have left?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Three seconds.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, well, thank you, I won't go into my amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to take just a moment and recognize a guest under the north balcony of Senator Dierks, Tom Dougherty of Ainsworth, Nebraska, a student at UNL. Tom, please stand and take a bow. Thank you. We're glad to have you. Senator Robak, please, followed by Senator Langford.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not going to speak up on this issue at all because I felt like we were just filibustered, I mean, you know 14 hours Friday and I don't know how many hours yesterday and it was kind of frustrating. I felt like Pavlov's dog, pressing the button after every red...after every bell, and it was kind of confusing whether you were supposed to press red or green because you certainly couldn't listen anymore to some of the senseless debate, senseless filibuster that was called debate. I hate to use Senator Bernard-Stevens' intriguing word, it was intriguing for a while but then after a while it got kind of disgusting and ceased to be fascinating anymore, so I hope they bear with us for a little while here. And as a mother of six and a grandmother of seven, I just have to put, just in for the record, I would want to know