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the Constitution for the Legislature to have enacted such a law at whatever time it was enacted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Lamb and Senator Warner. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, again, and Senator Withem did an okay job, I guess, in responding to my concerns and I appreciated his comments. I just thought, you know, I have been here 12 years. I have never seen this before. I did not know until last week that you could amend a constitutional amendment on the last day of the session. I don't know, I have been sleeping or something because I sure didn't realize we had that ability. I am just saying, though we have that ability, it seems wrong to me, and I understand the desire and the effort to try and bring compromise and consensus to this. I agree Senator Withem and Senator Warner have been doing great work in trying to resolve this. It just appears to me to simply not be something I feel comfortable with, and I thought I would express that and share with you a concern that though we have the power and ability to do this, I don't think we should.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, you are next. May I introduce a guest, two guests, please of Senator Lynch. Under the north balcony, we have Jeanette Werser from Braunschweig, Germany who is visiting the Westergren home as an exchange student. Jeanette, will you please stand so we may see you. And with her is her host, Vanessa Westergren from Burke High School in Omaha. Would you please stand with her. It is very nice to have you ladies with us and thank you for visiting us today. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I'd rise again to express my support for the amended version of LB 1141 which would provide for a constitutional amendment with a strengthened coordinating commission, and my opposition to 239, even with the Conway amendment, if that should be adopted. I really believe that the proposal that Senator Warner has brought us in regard to LB 1141 is the way to go because, as I have mentioned before, coordination is needed. Coordination is needed and I don't think we need to change the structure, that to have seven separate boards doesn't make a lot of sense to me, and I don't think that should happen. Now I would express some of the similar reservations that other people have expressed in regard to doing it on the last day, that the amendment to LB 1141,