

north balcony. And, also under the north balcony are four guests of Senator Hillman, they are Ron Cacek from Scottsbluff, Jim Olson from Oshkosh, Allen Peterson from Lewellen, and Bud Morse from Mitchell. Would you please...would you gentlemen please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Now, we'll proceed to the next speaker, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to ask a question of Senator Elmer. Before I do, I would just like to say that I've listened to the debate on both sides of this issue, and I'm not certain how I'm going to vote yet. I think that what makes me uncomfortable is I don't really know what the long-term implications are for this bill. Senator Elmer, would you respond to a question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Is there any other state that has any experience with this kind of legislation? I'm assuming that...I'm assuming the answer is no, but I want to hear from you.

SENATOR ELMER: I am not aware if there is or isn't. We did not research it in any way to find out.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Would...okay, thank you very much. That's all I have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any further debate on the amendment by Senator Beutler? I think that's where we're at, anyway. Seeing none, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, let me reiterate simply what the amendment does. And the simple effect of it is to eliminate the word "ordinance" and all reference to ordinances from the bill. So that what you have left, if you adopt the amendment, is a bill that we would work with and apply to state statutes, see how it worked, and then if at a later point in time you wanted to expand it to ordinances, expand it to rules and regulations, that's your choice to do so. Basically, let me indicate...remind you, I guess, of something you already know, that predicting the constitutionality of a