

get tagged hard when that happens. I move for the adoption of the amendment which, basically, says you can recover not only the damages, but double those damages and have them forwarded to the school common fund. And by the way, that appears elsewhere in our law on several different occasions when punitive-like damages make sense. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Landis, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will proceed to a vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Before we proceed with the bill, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Crosby. I think they are just coming in the balcony, in the south balcony right now. They are 50 eighth graders from the Cathedral of the Risen Christ School with their teacher. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thanks for being with us. We will now proceed to the bill as amended. Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. After that rousing endorsement by Senator Landis, I should probably sit down and move for an advancement, but for a matter of record, I must insert a few more remarks. I was first...the reasons for this bill are based on the requests by two Nebraska inventors who contacted me last summer, and one of them being from my home district, who were concerned about the rising activity of so-called invention development services. It was brought to my attention that Nebraska inventors were commonly being victimized by these firms, who offer to promote an inventor's idea to manufacturers, or others, who might be interested in purchasing the rights to the invention. Unfortunately, many, if not most of these companies, many of which operate nationally, provide little, if any, meaningful service to inventors. I have since learned also that it is apparent that many of these invention marketing firms are boilerplate room schemes to defraud inventors out of thousands of dollars. Typically, the novice inventor has little in knowledge of where to go or what steps to follow in order to