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parental notification in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Before we proceed with the next item, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Byars. They are 52 students from the Lincoln School in Beatrice, with their teachers. And I understand that in the group there is a person in there who is the son of Senator Byars, Jon Byars. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Which one is Jon? Jon, would you raise your hand so we can see where you are? Okay, thanks. Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. If I may, just very quickly, an item for the record, a new resolution, Mr. President. LR 65 by Senator Wesely. (Read brief explanation. See page 1566 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Withem. I do have a note that Senator Withem wished to withdraw this particular amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Rasmussen and Hillman. Senators, AM1036, page 1404 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, it is with some trepidation that I enter this debate. I am aware that although we will try and be reasonable and respectful of each other, there is a good chance that the powerful emotional undercurrents will pull us under, and that friends will end up not being so friendly, and that logic and reason will not be the basis of our decision-making, and that perhaps even negative feelings will linger on and affect decisions later on in this legislative session. I am also concerned because I know in the past this debate has delayed legislative activities and I have absolutely no interest in doing that. We have too many things to get accomplished. I am most concerned about the fact that if I do enter this debate, by the end of it, I am not likely to get any more caramels from Senator Labeledz for the rest of the session. I guess I should just be grateful that she doesn't have the hatchet with her, although I didn't check the drawers. Okay. Seriously, I am tempted to leave it alone for several reasons. One, no matter how long we debate, and no