

see whether the language, since it is only a declaration of intent,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...is sufficient to stay in the bill. And if anything I'll offer an amendment on Select File, if I need to make any changes. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests to the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Schrock. There are 12 sixth graders from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Next speaker is Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like first to thank Senator Wesely and all the members of the task force who came together after we passed LR 368, asking that we look at the way that we provide service to those people with developmental disabilities in the State of Nebraska. I think the time, the effort that has been put into the task force, and into the recommendations, has been nothing short of super human. They've done a tremendous job. Obviously, with a project of this magnitude and this scope, there are going to be disagreements, there are going to be differences of opinion on how services should be provided. I think we have found, however, through this process that by working together that we can still try to do the very best job we possibly can to provide services for people with developmental disabilities. As we have encountered problems, Senator Wesely and his staff, and other members of the Health and Human Services Committee, those people who provide services to those people with developmental disabilities in the State of Nebraska have been able to come together to what I consider a workable solution in the committee amendments, and in the amendments to the committee amendments that Senator Wesely and others have offered. And I would certainly urge the body's support in this regard. I think, however, we can't be content to stop here. I think we need to understand that this is a beginning, it's not an ending. I think the question, such as Senator Landis has raised in relationship to entitlement, is one that is very...is of grave concern to myself, also. And I'm hopeful that, as Senator Wesely has worked through this, that this language will suffice. But I think all of us need to