

births. We still have people leaving this state. And the only way you're going to have people stay in the state is provide economic opportunities for people that graduate from high school and college. And one way to do that is to keep a bill intact that has provided economic growth for the state, and that is LB 775. I strongly oppose this amendment. I feel that the Supreme Court has provided a lot of problems to this Legislature but let's not make the matter worse. Let's not create more problems by adoption of this...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ABBOUD: ... particular amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Before we proceed any further, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Rogers. We have 47 eighth graders from Centura Consolidated schools from Bolus, Cairo and Dannebrog and their teachers and they are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, I really have a little bit of a concern, I guess, about what we are doing here because I think from time to time we recognize that changes take place that we don't like, but I was just out in the Rotunda and they're milling around out there like a bunch of cattle before a storm. They never know when the next shoe is going to drop or when the next rock is going to come flying out. And, I guess, I am amazed that the business community is not going berserk and maybe they are. But I'm going to say this, that as we proceed with this amendment it will take on less and less the characteristics of the Governor's bill and maybe more of ours and that is not all bad, but I would suggest also that we will know less and less about the impact of the entire proposal upon the people of the State of Nebraska than we do now and that is not good. I would suggest that at one point in time Governor Nelson will say, wait a minute, maybe there are some reasons why I administer the laws and the Legislature drafts them and sends them over to me for my approval or disapproval. It would not surprise me if Governor Nelson would get out his little veto pen and veto this bill and then after we adjourn sine die and we think we're all heading back for the farm, he would call us back into session and do that which Senator Carson Rogers and I are suggesting we do ourselves, that we remain in session until we