

we do have amendments. Before we proceed to those amendments, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. First of all, we have 35 fourth graders from the Mockingbird Elementary School in Ralston, Nebraska and their teachers, and they are in the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. And also we have a special guest of Senator and Mrs. Lamb and that is their son, Phil Lamb from Yakima, Washington. Would you stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Stevens' amendment is on page 1834 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is that Senator Stevens' amendment that's in the Journal or is it Senator Bernard? Apparently he's not going to bite on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, Senator Lindsay I think said it quite well in his opening arguments of at least what he expects. Senator Lindsay expects that we're going to be here all afternoon and into the evening. At some point, eight hours debate will transpire and there will be a cloture motion. Whether the votes are there for cloture is, obviously, yet to be seen. I, personally, would like to avoid the fight. So, consequently, the first thing that I filed, in fact, the only thing that I filed up until a minute ago where I had two other amendments that I felt were very to the bill, very much a part of the bill, not frivolous at all, but I wanted to avoid...to give the body an opportunity in the beginning to say, do we want to do this as a body, and to ask each of us the question why do we want to do this as a body. One of the things that I find very, very hard to accept, even though I know it is the reality, is that on this particular bill, on this particular issue, we, in the body, are not in control of our own institution on this one. We, in the body, Senator Lindsay, included, anyone on either side of the issue knows that, at this point in time, LB 78 is unconstitutional. We know that. There is no question. We also all know that there is a case pending. Oral arguments can be as early as April 22nd. Decision can come down possibly spring, summer, and certainly this year, that may, and I emphasize the word "may", and it probably will be, will overturn the decision of the court. We know that is going to happen or certainly could