

debate or discussion about it and when, in fact, there has been a public hearing. It has been introduced, it goes through three stages of debate and people are made aware and have an opportunity to ask questions, the public has input. Doesn't happen any place else in the country at the state level. Nobody else requires public hearings on every bill like we do. I think it's a great process. I stand behind it. I don't think there is a problem with the way we introduce bills, the way they're drafted, and I hope we continue in that process. And I'm going to move to support Senator Beutler in his advancement of LB 296. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Any further discussion on LB 296? Seeing none, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 296 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on LB 296, have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, reluctantly, I would ask for a call of the house and take call-in votes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There is a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CROSBY: 13 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all senators please record your presence. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Will those senators who are not excused please return to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. While we're waiting for senators to come back to the Chamber I'd like to introduce to you and have you welcome 28 fourth graders from St. Peter's Elementary School here in Lincoln and from District 29. They are my guests today and they are in the north balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us today. We're looking for Lindsay, Bromm and Chambers, Senators Lindsay, Bromm and Chambers. Senator Robak, would you check in. Senator Robinson, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Schrock, Senator Wesely, Jensen and Landis, would you please return to the Chamber. They are taking call-in votes on the advancement of 296.