

have set them all down. They have basically agreed and worked out, to this point, where the Public Service Commission, who is interested in some good regulation and good work of these people, have decided this is something that they can live with that gives them the authority to deal with it. The industry, basically, has said, look, we know that you legally can do this and we're going to consent to doing this, and so I do believe that we have worked those problems out. The other part and I guess, at this point, I would conclude my opening on the committee amendments and ask that we move to the amendment to the Standing Committee amendment because we need...because of the bill we passed earlier this morning, we need to bring in that narrow group of people and harmonize them with what we had done earlier. So I would close on my committee amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment to the committee amendments from Senator Kristensen. It's found in the Journal on page 1064.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Kristensen, before I introduce you for your amendment to the committee amendment, let me announce that Senator Coordsen has guests in the Legislature. There are 19 fourth graders from Deshler Public Schools, in the north balcony, and their teacher, and perhaps they would wave so that we can see where they were. Stand and wave. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. And, with that, Senator Kristensen, for your amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, kind of a scary little deal there. One of those students looked a lot like Senator Coordsen. I kind of had a bad spell for a moment. Oh, well. The Standing Committee amendment does, as I briefly alluded to before, we have passed, through Senator Matzke's bill this morning, and got into statute or at least got on the...through the first stage of debate an exception or waiver for hours of service. There are a small group of for-hire motor carriers and passengers that are not subject to the hours of service requirement that we had in the earlier bill. That small group I'm putting in the exact same amendment that we had earlier this morning that would bring them under that. In other words, I harmonized so we've got the same hours of service law for everybody. And I couldn't do that in the earlier bill because it opened up a different section of