

12 to 14 years of age. Currently, right now, you have to be at least 14. The bill would reduce it to 12. However, keep in mind that 12, 13, 14 years old, all of those age young adults have to be in the company of an adult to be doing this hunting. And, furthermore, under current Nebraska law, they have to take hunter safety courses in order to qualify for the permit. This bill brings us in line with what a majority of the states are doing. In fact, a large number of states have no minimum age whatsoever. However, bringing it down to 12 would put us kind of in the middle of the pack in terms of what we do here in Nebraska. So I would move the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no other lights on. While the Clerk returns to the desk, let me just introduce that all of us have guests in the Legislature and they are registered nurses and student nurses from across the state. They're here for Nurses Day at the university and the Unicameral. They are representing the Nebraska Nurses Association. They're in the north balcony. If they would stand, we would be happy to recognize you, and welcome to the Legislature. Senator Beutler, to close on 862. Waives closing. We now move to the vote on the advancement of LB 862. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: It is advanced. We'll go on to LB 145, introduced by Senator McKenzie. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 145 was introduced by Senators McKenzie, Bohlke, Day, Jones, Robak and Stuhr. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 6th, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are committee amendments from the Natural Resources Committee. Is that right? Then Senator Beutler for the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, members of the Legislature, I am going to turn the discussion of the committee amendments over to Senator McKenzie. It is her bill. It has one simple concept in it with...that needs a couple of words of explanation. However, since the committee amendment deals with the central