

announce that Senator Robinson has 36 twelfth graders from Fort Calhoun and their teacher. If you folks would all stand to be recognized, we'd like to welcome you here. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Coordsen, Chambers, Bromm, and Beutler.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. This will be the last time that I speak on this motion. Again, I want to reiterate the reconsideration motion was not my idea. I did not go out and try to find somebody to reconsider my amendment. It is here, and it is my amendment, and I will be supporting the opportunity to try to offer the amendment, if Senator Beutler's bill comes back up. I did want to comment, and felt the need to comment on some of the words Senator Warner said, because I strongly disagree with what Senator Warner implied. And maybe what he implied I took too far, maybe he didn't mean that at all, but I wanted to respond to that. I agree with Senator Warner. It is not, it is not good etiquette, if you wish, if someone has a bill that makes changes, and then the Legislature goes in and says, we are going to strike the other section of the law. It is not necessarily a good thing to do. In fact, I agree with Senator Warner, you should introduce the bill. But either he was gone that day or he wasn't paying attention that day, because when I offered the amendment, I offered the amendment specifically stating to Senator Beutler, in fact, Senator Beutler is the one that said it on the floor, this is the same as a kill motion. If this amendment that I am offering would have actually seen the light of day to where it would have advanced and passed this year, I would not have offered it. The whole reason I offered the amendment is because this Legislature is refusing to pay for the campaign finance reform, and so I thought let's go ahead and put it to a head. If we are not going to fund it, let's get rid of it knowing that Senator Beutler, if my amendment were agreed to, would withdraw that bill from consideration, and this campaign finance would still be the law next year, knowing full well that I or someone else would have to introduce a bill, as a bill, next year and it would have to go through the whole process. No one has questioned that. No one has argued that. That's been the intent all along. Instead of "mansy-pansying" around and saying we are not going to finance it this year, we are going to look for other things, I focused the attention, I focused it where it needed to be...needed to be done, and I will state one final time, that even if you vote to reconsider this amendment, this amendment will not be talked about today. Even if Senator